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School budget to increase 3.25 percent

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WILMINGTON — At the most recent School Committee meeting, Superintendent Joanne Benton presented the recommended budget for fiscal year 2018 of $38,868,945. This budget proposal reflects a 3.25 percent increase over the past year.

At the beginning of her presentation, Benton stated, "I always believe that a school department's budget is really not about numbers but about students, and it's based on the mission that the school district has for the school.

"In order to provide a challenging, relevant, personalized educational experience, with academic and social and emotional success for our students, we really need to put dollars into helping teachers to attain those goals."

She said the schools need well-trained and highly qualified staff, so the budget includes professional development funds that in recent years had been moved to other areas.

"I'm bringing them back so that our teachers have the funds to support the new development of new curriculum," Benton noted. "You will also see in this budget that there were some concerns about programs that were cut last year or items that were cut in the budget, and I will be bringing those back and I will mention them as we move along."

Three components of this budget include Chapter 70 state aid, which was announced as only about an increase of $20 per student, local contributions which are from the town, and then other funding sources which

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Happy Goundhog Day!
Thursday, February 2



Celtic Tyler Zeller visits Middle School

Boston Celtics Mascot Lucky, left, and player Tyler Zeller, second from left, play a game of Knockout during the Celtics visit to the Wilmington Middle School.

(Photo by joebrownphotos.com)

Selectmen continue to seek appeal to receive School Committee's executive session minutes regarding DeLai

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN
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WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen recently decided not to take any further action in regards to former Superintendent Mary DeLai's separation agreement. They are, however, going to move forward with an appeal to receive the School Committee's Oct. 3 executive session minutes.

In a piece of correspondence from Interim Superintendent Joanne Benton to Town Manager Jeffrey Hull, Benton explained that "the redactions are consistent with the developed case law allowing the redaction of certain information that is personnel information and, therefore, exempt from disclosure."

After looking through the less redacted separation agreement and seeing the correspondence, Chairwoman Judith O'Connell said, "they're simply working within the parameters of the settlement agreement that they have derived, and they're taking the advice of legal counsel. In my opinion, I feel like we have received what we're going to receive in finality."

Selectman Michael McCoy added that he believes the board is "chipping away in the right direction with small victories" and that if they had not pursued obtaining the less redacted separation agreement, they would not know as much about

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Strings Attached at Statehouse

Rep. James Miceli hosted the Wilmington Strings Attached Orchestra at the Statehouse recently. (Courtesy photo)

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Free home buyer and mortgage qualifying workshop

WILMINGTON — EXIT Family First Realty cordially invites future home buyers to attend a free two hour workshop. Find out what steps need be taken in preparation for home ownership. Gain valuable insight into the home buying process. Come browse properties available for sale in our local market.

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A mortgage professional will have information on current interest rates, FHA loans, VA loans, Mass Housing loans, and other specialized programs being offered in today's market.

"It is always a delight to watch the excitement grow as participants learn the facts about buying a home, whether it is their first time buying, or they are preparing to upgrade or downsize, or considering purchasing an investment property or vacation home," said Judy O'Connell, co-owner of EXIT Family First Realty.

The workshop will be on Wednesday evening Feb. 8, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Panera Bread located at 228 Main St. in Wilmington. This free workshop is open to the public. Register today at *www.LearnWithExit.com*.

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News and notes from WCTV

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

Do you watch WCTV? Have you been a member over the years? Has your child gone through our youth program?

We need your help!

Wilmington Community Television has never been funded through tax dollars. Since our inception 30 years ago, our money has come through licensing agreements with the cable companies. Those companies, currently Comcast and Verizon, agree to pay a small share of their cable TV earnings to support public access television, as part of doing business in the town.

The current Comcast license expires in January 2018 and the town is in the process of renewing that license. As an early step, on Monday, Feb. 13, the Board of Selectmen is expected to hear from members of the community on the town's cable related needs and customer relations with Comcast. Specifically, we're interested in hearing what you think about WCTV.

Here's how you can help:

You can come to the Board of Selectmen meeting on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. and tell them what you think. This is an informal process; even if you have 20-30 seconds, your opinion matters, not to just us here at WCTV, but to the town selectmen.

Or there's an easier route... you can write a letter or an email to the Board of Selectmen... giving your opinion about the station. You can either send that letter directly to the board or send it to me at WCTV (*sneville@wctv.org* / 10 Waltham St. Wilmington MA 01887).

I'll be collecting them and bringing them to the meeting that night. Even a couple lines about what you watch or what you like are a good way to show your support. Please make sure to address your written remarks to the Wilmington Board of Selectmen and leave your name and address.

The goal, from our perspective, is to show both the Board of Selectmen and Comcast that community media is important in Wilmington. We look forward to continuing our role in the community in 2017 – and in the years to come. Thanks for watching.

New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9 / Verizon 37 – Government: Comcast 22 / Verizon 38 – Education: Comcast 99 / Verizon 39). You can also watch or listen to them at *WCTV.org*.

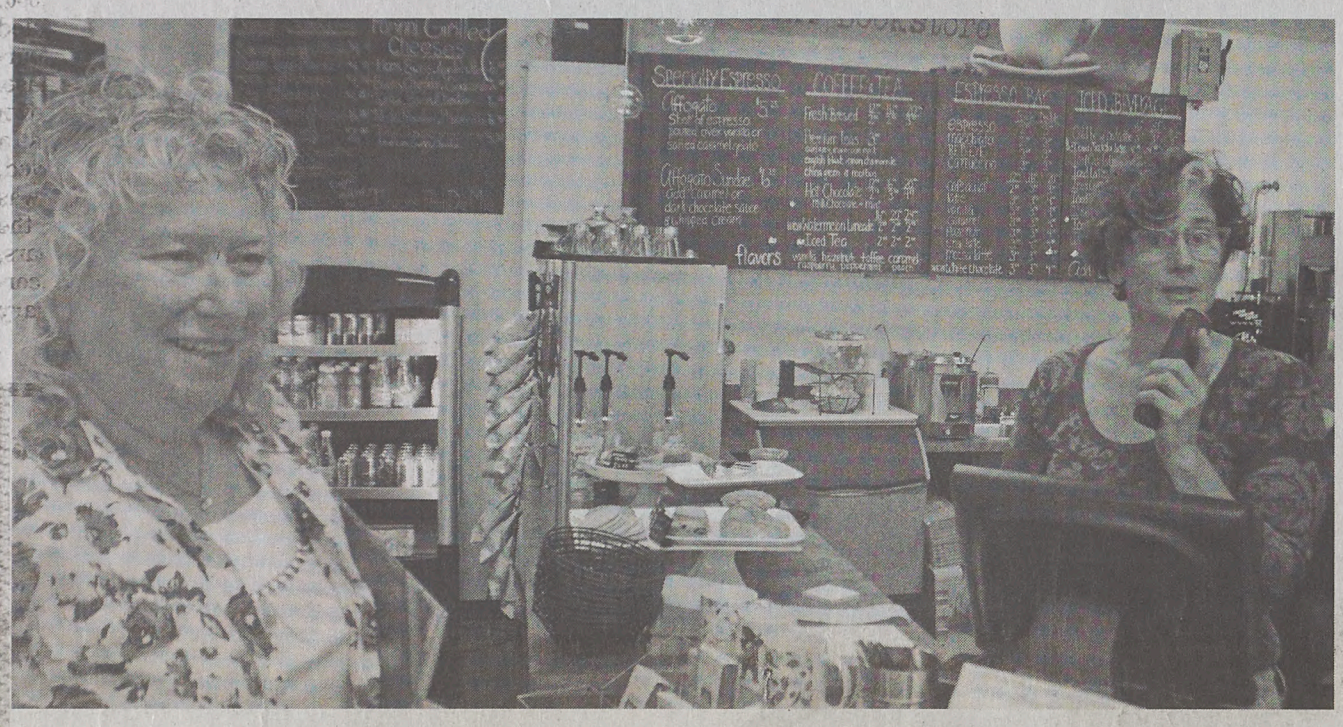
- **In the Loop (WCTV Education):** Calling all parents new to the school system! This episode is all about Pre-K and Kindergarten registration.
- **Boston Celtics Visit the Middle School (WCTV Education):** Celtics center Tyler Zeller and the team mascot "Lucky" were at the Middle School last week for an assembly focused on building a positive culture. There were plenty of dunks!
- **Where's Wilmington (WCTV Public):** Veterans Agent Lou Cimaglia is on the program, talking about what his office does and explains the Purple Heart Parking Spots across town.
- **Board of Selectmen (WCTV Government):** Watch this past Monday's special meeting, which included the first look at the next town budget!
- **School Committee (WCTV Government):** The School Committee was also focused on numbers, with a look at the proposed education budget for the next fiscal year.

Upcoming Meetings:

These air on WCTV's Government Channel (Comcast 22 / Verizon 38) and stream live at *WCTV.org*.

- School Committee Feb. 8 7 p.m.

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment. Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about! We're here to make the process as simple as possible.



▲Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall places an order with owner Sheila Cail of HyperText Book Store and Café, Lowell. (Photo courtesy of Don Leard)

'I Read Like I Breathe'

WILMINGTON — In the February Book Stew episode you'll meet Sheila Cail, proprietor of Lowell's HyperText, a year old bookstore and café.

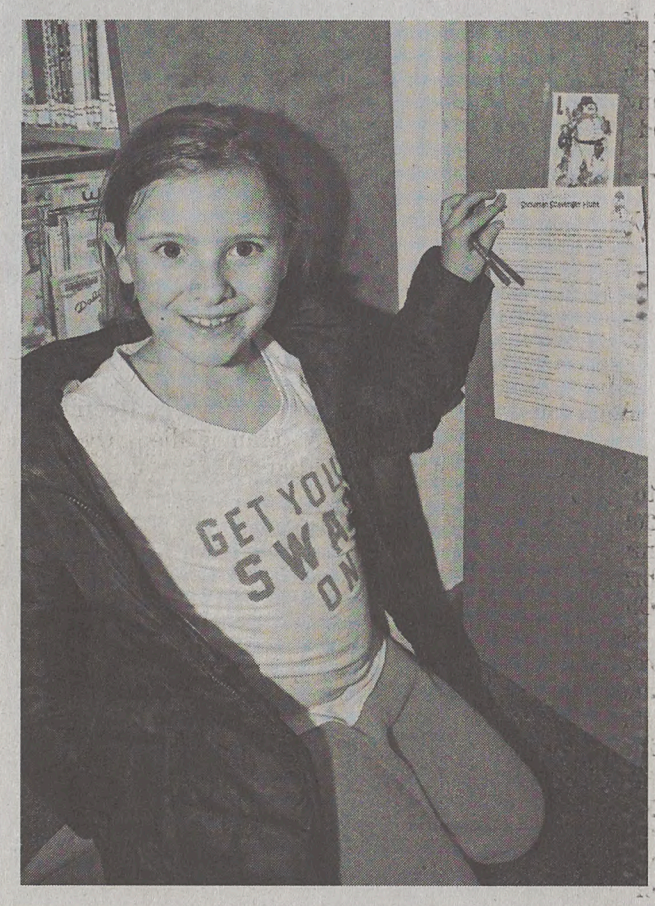
It takes a lot of courage to launch a small business, and a book store would seem to be particularly risky, considering that many people are now using e-readers. But Host/Producer Eileen MacDougall finds that the cozy spot in downtown Lowell is the perfect place to browse the books and "tchotchkes" and to try a spectacular mocha latte. Join Eileen and plan your visit!

Please check out the new episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.. To watch online, a link to the latest (and all 40 other episodes, to catch up on any you might have missed) Book Stew can be found at *http://wctv.org/book-stew/* or at *https://vimeo.com/wctvwilmington/videos/search:book%20stew/sort:date*

Found it!

Lily McLaughlin found the list of nine items on the "snowman scavenger hunt" at the Wilmington Memorial Library recently.

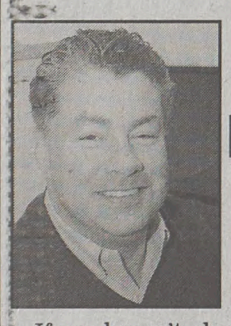
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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



CONTRIBUTE TO RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS IN 2017 TO LOWER 2016 TAXES

If you haven't already funded your retirement account for 2016, do so by April 17, 2017. That's the deadline for contributions to a traditional IRA, deductible or not, and to a Roth IRA. However, if you have a Keogh or SEP and you get a filing extension to October 16, 2017, you can wait until then to put 2016 contributions into those accounts. To start tax-free compounding as quickly as possible, however, don't dawdle in making contributions.

Making a deductible contribution will help you lower your tax bill this year. Plus, your contributions will compound tax-deferred. It's hard to find a better deal. If you put away $5,000 a year for 20 years in an investment with an average annual 8 percent return, your $100,000 in contributions will grow to $247,000. The same investment in a taxable account would grow to only about $194,000 if you're in the 25 percent federal tax bracket (and even less if you live in a state with a state income tax to bite into your return).

To qualify for the full annual IRA deduction in 2016, you must either: 1) not be eligible to participate in a company retirement plan, or 2) if you are eligible, you must have adjusted gross income of $61,000 or less for singles, or $98,000 or less for married couples filing jointly. If you are not eligible for a company plan but your spouse is, your traditional IRA contribution is fully deductible as long as your combined gross income does not exceed $184,000.

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Halliday makes Dean's List at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, VT — The following student from your readership area has been recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University for the fall 2016 semester:

- **Cody Daniel Halliday of Wilmington**

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians.

Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation's six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).*www.norwich.edu*

In fulfillment of Norwich's mission to train and educate today's students to be tomorrow's global leaders and captains of industry, the Forging the Future campaign is committed to creating the best possible learning environment through state-of-the-art academics and world-class facilities.

Norwich University will celebrate its bicentennial in 2019. Learn more about the campaign and how to participate in the "Year of Leadership" here: *bicentennial.norwich.edu*.

Two make Dean's List at Siena College

LOUDONVILLE, NY — Siena College names students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

- **Bridget Cadogan of Wilmington, Marketing major**
- **Nicole Romanzo of Wilmington, Biology BA major**

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 31 degree programs, 80+ minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work.

A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education of a lifetime.

Who's this year's 'Wilmington Good Guy?'

WILMINGTON - It's that time of year again!

No, not Cadbury eggs and bunnies and chicks... It's time to start thinking about this year's Wilmington Good Guy!

Whom do you know that constantly goes out of their way to make Wilmington a better place to live? Who is that person who helps out just because it is the right thing to do? This year's Wilmington Good Guy will be inducted on May 12, and nominations are now being accepted.

Send a letter or an email to state why your candidate is so deserving. Wilmington has a lot of good people and there are always lots of great nominees. Last year's Good Guy, Scott Garrant, had been in the running for several years. State why your candidate stands out among all others.

Send a letter to the Wilmington Good Guy Committee, c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harold Ave. Wilmington or send an email to: wgoodguy@Verizon.net. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on March 24.

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History:

Grange Hall was center of town's activities

By LARZ F. NEILSON

If you were to try to locate the center of Wilmington, where would you choose? If you said the common, you'd be about right. And the geographical center of town was once the center of activity in Wilmington.

The Congregational Church was the traditional center of town. The Baptist Church was built across the street, which building later became the Town Hall. Nearby were the Bond cracker bakeries, and the Samuel B. Nichols store, which later became the Nichols Funeral Home.

About 50 yards down Wildwood Street stood the Grange Hall. For many years, it was the social center of Wilmington.

The residents of Wilmington in 1909 were mostly farmers. Of those who were not, many had backyard gardens.

Several residents decided to form a Grange, part of a national farming and social organization, officially called the Patrons of Husbandry. The Grange brought the benefits of organization to farmers. There were educational programs, political and social activities. No longer were farmers stuck "down on the farm." The Grange was especially strong in the upper mid-west, but there were many chapters in New England. Many towns today still have a Grange Hall.

In Wilmington, the Grange first met in the Wilmington Town Hall, the building that is now the Wilmington Arts Center. It was a nice place, but the first Grange fair told them they did not have enough room.

The Grange fair was an event where the farmers could exhibit their best crops and products, and every farmer would exhibit in many varieties. Those crops were in bushel boxes, and the hall became very crowded.

Plans were started immediately for a larger meeting place. A site was found on Wildwood Street, close to Middlesex Avenue. In 1910, a cellar hole was dug, and Peter Neilson was hired to lay the foundation. At the time, he lived in North Woburn, but he later built a home on Glen Road, near Silver Lake. His brother Christian "Pop" lived in the large farmhouse at the corner of Glen Road and Harnden Street. They had six Grange members in a family of eight.

The stonework in front was of large stones, well exhibited. On the sides, there was no such work. The shingles were to come down nearly to the ground.

There was plenty of room in the building, and it quickly became the center of social activities in Wilmington. There was no other building in town, other than a church, which had as much space as the Grange Hall. The hall could be rented for $10, and many organizations were happy to pay the price.

The schools would have an annual music program, and parents would gather in the hall to hear their children sing. It was the setting for the Senior Prom and graduation ceremonies. Town meetings were held there, and wrestling matches. Another popular feature was movies. Youngsters could go to the Grange Hall on a Saturday and watch silent films, accompanied by piano music. Later they could see the Green Hornet, when the films were run by Wally Fisk.

There was the CC Club, which put on a show every year. Many people didn't know what the CC stood for. Later they learned it was for cake and cookies. Linn Smith was generally the hero in these productions.

There were other theatrical productions. One year, the Grange Auxiliary presented "The Valley Farm." The next year, it was "The Deacon's Second Wife." Mrs. Eleanor Livingston played the lead, Miss Kate Rollins. Charles B. Osbon was the old Deacon Barachias Fitz. Others in the cast included Ernest Eames, Maybelle MacCabe, Dorothea Neilson, Mrs. Lillian Kinsman, Eli Kinsman and Mrs. Harriet Swain. The play was directed by Louis H. Doucette, and musical accompaniment was provided by Gerald Frazee on the piano and Charles F. Waite on the violin.

Then there was the Alpha Club beauty contest, organized by Jimmy Castine and Henry Porter. Miss Christine Surrette was the winner of the first contest.

The main focus of the Grange activities, though, remained agricultural. The annual Grange Fair was held in early September. Farm families would bring their best crops, fruits and vegetables, flowers, canned goods, dairy products, baked goods and home furnishings.

The entries were all judged, and there was great excitement as people awaited the results of the judging.

Youngsters could submit their own entries in the 4-H fair, held downstairs. Schoolteacher Henrietta Swain was the supervisor for 4-H.

Once the judging was completed, entrants could either take their produce home or donate it to the Saturday night auction. Ernest "Buster" Eames was the auctioneer, and his assistant would be Tom McQuaide.

For the first dozen years, the Master of the Grange was always a man. In later years, there were women who held the position.



▲ Grange Hall, on Wildwood Street, Wilmington.
(Postcard image courtesy of Ernie Botte, wilmingtonUSA.com)

Charles Osbon seems to have been the first Master of the Wilmington Grange. Other early Masters included Charles F. Perry, Eli T. Kinsman, Ernest W. Eames, George Neilson, Leon Call, Otto Bischoff and William T. Henderson.

In the fall of 1923, someone was burning grass and brush near the Grange Hall. The fire got close to the building and ignited the wood shingles.

A few hundred yards away was the Wilmington Common and the Center School. The children had finished their lunch and were playing on the common. All of a sudden, word passed that the Grange Hall was on fire. The boys ran to the Grange Hall. The fire was on the shingled exterior, but hadn't breached the walls.

Those boys were pretty efficient. They dashed into the hall, grabbed furniture, and passed it outside, one boy to another.

The Fire Department dashed up with a horse-drawn fire wagon, and soon the fire was out.

The fire didn't cause extensive damage. The hall was repaired, and the Grange remained in operation for many years.

Activities went on for decades at the Grange Hall. In the mid-1950s, the town built an auditorium and gymnasium at the high school, and the Grange Hall was no longer the largest hall in town.

In the mid-1960s, town was no longer a farm town, and the hall was no longer the focus of social activity. There were some activities, though. The Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps was using the hall for practice.

In May, 1968, there was a serious fire at the hall. It was not enough to level the building, but the Crusaders had to find a new place to practice.

The 1969 town meeting approved an article to buy the property for $10,000. However, that was ruled invalid, as there was no purpose stated for the purchase. A year later, the town bought the property as a parking lot. It was paved, but seldom used, as it was several feet lower than the library lot. In recent years, it has been raised and incorporated into the library parking area.

Wilmington:

Library: Off the Shelf

By KIM ROWLEY
Adult Services Librarian

Need a little motivation to read more books in 2017? Participate in Wilmington Memorial Library's 17 in 2017 Reading Challenge!

Set a goal for yourself to read 17 books this year and have the chance to win a variety of prizes, including books, gift cards, and more! For every book you read, submit a raffle entry online through our website, *wilmlibrary.org*, or come in to fill out and submit your tickets. Prizes will be raffled off on the 17th of each month. Read all year long and win!

If you need some suggestions for a good read, we can help. Looking for something that was popular? The top three checked out books in Wilmington Library in 2016 were NYPD Red 4 by James Patterson, All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr and A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

If you prefer listening to books, the top three checked out audiobooks were The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins, The Martian by Andy Weir and Tricky Twenty-Two: a Stephanie Plum novel by Janet Evanovich.

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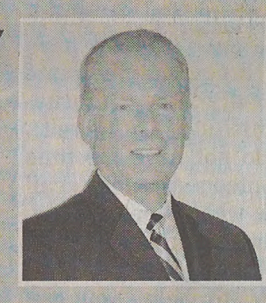
We hope you'll participate in our 17 in 2017 Reading Challenge and find a lot of good reads this year. For further suggestions on what to read, stop by the library or email me at *krowley@wilmlibrary.org*. Happy New Year and Happy Reading!



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Five students make Dean's List at WPI

WORCESTER — The following local residents were among 1,424 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2016 semester.

Zachary Abbott of Wilmington is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in civil engineering.

Caroline Johnston of Wilmington is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathematical sciences.

Amanda Richards of Wilmington is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in mechanical engineering.

Eva Barinelli of Tewksbury is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in robotics engineering.

Toni Joy of Tewksbury is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathematical sciences and industrial engineering.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students go beyond the classroom to work on open-ended problems in and for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real," said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Founded in 1865 in Worcester, Mass., WPI is one of the nation's first engineering and technology universities. Its 14 academic departments offer more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts, leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

WPI's talented faculty work with students on interdisciplinary research that seeks solutions to important and socially relevant problems in fields as diverse as the life sciences and bioengineering, energy, information security, materials processing, and robotics.

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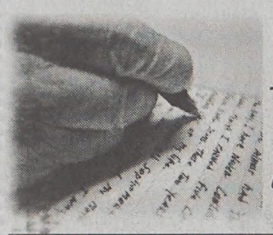


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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Nichols Funeral Home comforting in time of need

Dear editor,

The family of Marty Kuchler would like to thank and acknowledge Nichols Funeral Home for being so kind and comforting during our loss. We cannot thank Margaret enough, along with her staff, Kelly, Joe and Bobby Shelley for being so accommodating.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks.

We are so fortunate to have such special people in our town who go above and beyond.

Forever grateful,
Mary Kuchler and Family

Take positive steps to help refugees here and those in unlivable conditions

Dear editor,

Throughout the course of American history, our citizens have lived in parallel worlds. One world in which we proclaim our pride in the ideals etched into the Statue of Liberty and the belief that America is the shining city upon a hill, lighting the way for the world to follow.

The other world is the reality we live in, a country filled with a history of racism, sexism, ignorance, and arrogance. Despite this reality, the beauty of America was that we always strived for that idealism, even when we fell short. We wanted to be better, we wanted to improve, and in that desire, we slowly got better and our country slowly progressed.

Those parallel worlds collapsed this past Friday when President Trump signed an executive order that stopped refugee resettlement in the US for four months and, for all intents and purposes, barred future Muslim refugees from being resettled in the United States. This is not the first time unwarranted fear overwhelmed our country's image of itself as a moral leader and it will not be the last.

However, rather than argue in favor of refugees, or argue against Mr. Trump's action, or argue how un-American and immoral it is to ban US permanent residents from returning to the U.S. leaving them stranded at a foreign airport separated from their families and lives, I want to encourage everyone to take positive steps to help those refugees who are already here—working towards bettering our country and their lives—and to help those who are now are stuck in unlivable conditions with no safe place to live.

Although Trump's executive order leaves only a few options to offer help, any help — especially now — will be vital. The first option is to donate to an organization that is working locally with the refugee communities. Some of these organizations include the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, the International Institute, and the Catholic Charities Refugees and Immigrants Services.

The money you donate will go directly to helping refugees in your community. Next, you can donate to an organization that is working abroad to help refugees living in camps, with the International Refugee Committee being a good option.

Beyond donating, you can volunteer at any of these organizations as they have offices throughout the state and locally (the International Institute is in Lowell). If you do not have the time to volunteer, you can call and ask what type of donations they need and try to supply those goods.

Finally, to help, you can have empathy, love, and understanding of those who have suffered and lost their home through no fault of their own. This will not stop what has happened but it will help ensure opposition to actions like Mr. Trump's never disappears.

Refugees and immigrants are the best of us and the best of our country. They serve in our military, they rebuild our communities, and all they ask in return is to start a new life in a new country. The United States used to be one of those countries and with your help, it will be again.

Eric Duffy,
Tewksbury

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Semester two starts at TMHS



Sessa's Corner

By JULIA SESSA
News Correspondent

This past week, Tewksbury Memorial High School started fresh with the start of semester two classes. Staying with the same new schedule at TMHS, which consists of a seven day, seven block waterfall schedule.

Each day two blocks drop, so students are enrolled in seven classes but have five classes on a rotating basis each day of the cycle. With the new schedule already being implemented, students are finding that this semester is an easier transition than the beginning of the year.

"I like the new schedule, especially this new semester," stated Hailey Sexton, TMHS senior. "It gives students more time to do work, and to experience new class loads."

Since many subjects have been moved to full year prior to them being half year courses, many classes did not require a final, and in result the stress of testing was eliminated. This has been a positive change in the TMHS community because of the new flexibility and time available to students.

At the beginning of the school year, many were fearful of how the new schedule may affect the work load, but if anything it has given students more time. The start of semester two portrays excitement for all students, even more for seniors.

Seniors are approaching many events that close out their high school career. Senior week is approaching, with even two vacations to be excited about. Many are beginning to feel the side effects of "senioritis," which is a term used to define the laziness a senior student feels towards the time of graduation.

"I honestly just cannot wait to graduate," illustrated Cam Smith, TMHS senior. "Moving on to college, seeing a whole new world is so exciting."

With only four months left in the school year, many are continuing to strive through academics, while others are readying themselves for their futures. Push through TMHS, only two weeks till vacation!

Seven reasons taxpayers should e-file their taxes

By MARILYN SANFORD
Guest Column

Taxpayers who still file paper returns may find now is the best time to switch to e-file. Last year over 85 percent of taxpayers filed their taxes electronically. E-file is the fastest and safest way to file.

Here are the top seven reasons a taxpayer should file electronically in 2017:

• **Accurate and easy:** IRS e-file is the best way to file an accurate tax return. The tax software helps taxpayers avoid mistakes by doing the math for them. It guides users through each section of a tax return. E-file is easier than doing taxes by hand and mailing paper tax forms.

• **Safe and secure:** IRS e-file meets strict security guidelines. It uses modern encryption technology to protect tax returns. The IRS continues to work with states and tax industry leaders to protect tax returns from refund fraud. This new effort has put more safeguards in place to make tax filing safer than ever before. The IRS has processed more than one billion e-filed returns safely and securely.

• **Convenient and often free:** Taxpayers can e-file for free through IRS Free File is only available on *IRS.gov*. Taxpayers may qualify to have their taxes e-filed for free through IRS volunteer programs. Tax Assistance offers free tax preparation for those earning $54,000 or less. Tax Counseling for the Elderly generally helps people who are age 60 or older. Taxpayers can buy commercial tax software or ask their tax preparer to e-file their tax return. Most paid preparers have to file their clients' returns electronically.

• **Faster refunds:** In most cases, e-file prevents mistakes and helps people get their refund faster. The quickest way to get a refund is to combine e-file with direct deposit into a bank account. The IRS issues more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days; however, some returns need further review and take longer.

• **Prior-year tax return:** Taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return. Beginning in 2017, taxpayers using a software product for the first time may need their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) amount from their prior-year tax return to verify their identity. Taxpayers can learn more about how to verify their identity and electronically sign tax returns at *https://www.irs.gov/individuals/electronic-filing-pin-request?_ga=1.257548360.2101671845.1459264262*

• **Health care coverage reporting:** IRS e-file can help with tax provisions of the health care law. The software will walk users through each line on the tax form that relate to the Affordable Care Act.

• **Payment options:** If taxpayers owe taxes, they can e-file early and set up an automatic payment on any day until the April 18 deadline. They can pay electronically from their bank account with *https://www.irs.gov/payments/direct-pay* Other payment options include electronic funds withdrawal and payment by debit or credit card. Visit *https://www.irs.gov/payments IRS.gov/payments* for details.

Tax filing season opens with possible refund delays

By MARILYN SANFORD
Guest Column

Tax filing season for individuals opened on Jan. 23, but for some, this doesn't mean a speedy refund can be counted on. While the IRS expects to issue nine out of 10 refunds in fewer than 21 days, they'll be holding onto refunds for returns that claim the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) until Feb. 15. This change was mandated by the passage of the 2015 Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, which included this delay as a measure intended to combat tax fraud.

While many taxpayers are familiar with the Child Tax Credit, which is worth up to $1,000 per child, the Additional Child Tax Credit is a little more complicated. The EITC, which about 20 percent of eligible taxpayers fail to claim, can also be difficult to understand. The ACTC allows a taxpayer whose tax credit is more than the amount of his or her tax liability to receive the unused portion of the Child Tax Credit.

For example, if your tax liability is $600 and your Child Tax Credit is $1,000, you would not receive any benefit from $400 of the credit. However, eligible taxpayers can claim the ACTC, and could receive a refund of the $400.

The EITC was developed to help out low-to-moderate income taxpayers based upon their family size, income and other factors. It's a shame so many people fail to take advantage of this credit, because it can be substantial — for 2016 the maximum amount for an EITC credit is actually $6,269. The IRS advises taxpayers claiming these credits that, although it will begin to release the refunds on Feb. 15, they may not begin arriving in bank accounts until later in February.

The difference between a credit and a deduction can be murky area for many taxpayers. For clarification, a credit is a dollar-for-dollar savings. A $1,000 credit means $1,000 off your tax bill. A deduction, on the other hand, depends upon your tax bracket. If you are in the 25 percent tax bracket and you have a $1,000 tax deduction, your taxes will be lowered by $250.

Clearly, taxes are complicated, and nobody wants to miss out on credits and deductions to which they are entitled. According to the IRS, roughly 60 percent of U.S. taxpayers pay for tax preparation. Unfortunately, that doesn't guarantee that their taxes will be prepared correctly. Many return preparers are never tested on their knowledge of current taxation issues; nor are they required to complete annual continuing education to keep up with the constantly changing tax code.

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9th annual fundraiser 'March-A-Pella'

Dear editor,

We are proud to present our 9th annual fundraiser a cappella concert, March-A-Pella. We know Wilmington LOVES A CAPPELLA!!

We are excited to have the following a cappella groups performing at our event this year.

• National Recording Artists, Ball in the House *(www.ballinthehouse.com)* returning as our headlining act!

• Boston-based semi-pro a cappella group, Sound Off *(www.soundoffacappella.com)*

• Boston-based semi-pro a cappella group, Fermata Town (fermatatown.com)

• Boston University's Bos Tones *(www.facebook.com/thebostones)*

• Emerson's Achoired Taste *(www.facebook.com/achoiredtasteemerson)*

• Wilmington's WHS a Cappella group, SoundScape (including performing a song with Ball in the House)

• Wilmington's new WMS a Cappella group, the WilmingTones, will perform our opening song.

Adults $15 Advance / $18 Door

Students (18 and under) & Seniors (65+) $12 Advance and Door

Seating is general admission so, arrive early for best selection.

Advance tickets are available online now. Paper tickets will be available to purchase at upcoming events that will be announced on social media.

On the evening of the concert, please enter WHS (159 Church St., Wilmington) through the right rear event entrance. Free parking is available in the high school parking lot (entrance from Adams Street) and across the street near the 4th of July Building parking lot on Middlesex Avenue.

Thank you to our event sponsors A&S Towing *(www.aandstowingcompany.com)* and Reading Cooperative Bank *(readingcoop.com)*. We thank you for your support!

We would also like to recognize Polcari's/Pizzaria Regina of Woburn's *(www.reginapizzeria.com/polcari_events.php?location=woburn)* donation of pizza to feed our performers before the event.

We are looking for one or two additional business sponsors for this event. If interested, please e-mail *Wilmington.C.A.T.S.Parents@gmail.com.*

We look forward to seeing you at this incredible event and at the same time help WHS CATS to raise funds for scholarships and supplemental production costs to benefit the choral and theatre students at Wilmington High School.

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OBITUARIES

Frank E. Darling, Jr.

Served as Staff Sergeant during Korean War

Frank E. Darling, Jr., age 85 of Chichester, NH formerly of Wilmington, MA, died peacefully with his family at his side on Jan. 29, 2017.

Frank was born in Woburn, MA on Oct. 15, 1931; he was the dear son of the late Frank and Dorothy Darling. Frank was raised and educated in Wilmington, MA and was a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1949. On June 2, 1952, Frank enlisted in the United States Air Force to serve the country during the Korean War. Frank served overseas as a Staff Sergeant for the Air Force; following his return he was honorably discharged in June of 1956 and returned home to his family.

Frank married his "sweetheart" Helen Peitzsch in 1951; celebrating over 65 years of marriage and together they raised six wonderful children. Frank was a hard worker and took pride in everything he did; following his return from active duty in the Air Force he built a home for his family on Eames Street in Wilmington where they lived for over 25 years.

Always an entrepreneur, Frank started his own company and was the proud owner and operator for Franks Amoco in Wilmington. Frank was an excellent mechanic and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix; he had the reputation of being a "man of all trades" and he was always willing to help others.

When the work week came to an end it was Saturday that was a fun day at Frank's Amoco it was when all of the "guys" got together at the Gas Station and would hang out for the afternoon.

Frank was also active in the community and served as Past President of the Wilmington Lions Club where he was a member for many years.

In 1977, Frank relocated his family to Chichester, New Hampshire where they bought a beautiful Victorian home and working farm. Frank again went right to work farming the land and taking care of the farm animals. Frank's talents were endless and with his construction skills he was able to turn the barn into a banquet hall which hosted many functions and family celebrations throughout the years.

In his spare time, Frank enjoyed doing puzzles, playing the guitar and violin, listening to music especially original country tunes, and watching old western movies; he was the ultimate "True Grit."

Frank will be fondly remembered for his love and devotion to his family and friends, he was hardworking, talented, and generous of his time and talents. Frank was quite a guy and will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Frank was the beloved husband of Helen K. (Peitzsch) Darling, devoted father of the late Frank E. Darling III Father-in-law of Regina Darling of Northfield, NH. William Darling & wife Lorinda of Haverhill, MA, Jonathan Darling & wife Lorna of Allenstown, NH, David Darling & wife Joan of Barnstead, NH, Yvonne Lagomarsino & husband Kevin Foreman of Wilmington, MA and Michelle Doucette & husband Dennis of Chichester, NH.

Loving "Dubba" of Tamie Cassidy, Frank E. Darling IV, Lance Darling, Stephanie Aspen, Christopher Darling, Jeremy Darling, Christina Morehouse, Eric Darling, Stacey Upham, Greg Darling, Paul Korpi, Jimmy Korpi, David Darling II,



Kyle Doucette, Joseph Doucette, Great-Grandchildren Felicia Lebrecque, Breanna Cassidy, Paige Cassidy, Duvessa Scott-Darling, Lilly Darling, Annette Darling, Zoey Darling, Tyler Darling, Robert Morehouse, Thomas Morehouse, Hailey Morehouse, Illy Darling, Zander Darling, Eris Darling, Kayle Upham, Jaden Darling, Chloe Darling, Piper Korpi, Finn Korpi, Isidoro Korpi, Autumn Darling, and Great-Great-Grandchild Gianna Lebrecque.

Cherished son of the late Frank E. Sr. and Dorothy (Chase) Darling, dear brother of Barbara Balestrieri & husband Richard of Wilmington and the late Robert Darling. Frank is also survived by his sister-in-law Jane Darling of Chelmsford as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichol Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Feb. 3 for Visitation from 12 - 1 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service with Military Honors at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in Frank's memory may be made to Beacon Hospice, 13 Branch St., Suite 105, Methuen, MA 01844.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Bruce Peters

Served in Korean War as Lt. in US Navy

Bruce Peters, age 85, of Wilmington, died peacefully on Jan. 31, 2017, following a brief illness.

Bruce was born in Boston, MA on Dec. 13, 1931; he was the dear son of the late Lewis and Jeanne Peters. Bruce was raised in Newtonville and graduated from Newton North High School in 1948. Bruce went on to continue his education at Mass Maritime Academy where he earned his degree in 1952.

In September of 1952, Bruce enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War; he served stateside as well as a tour of duty overseas for a couple of years. He was honorably discharged as rank of Lieutenant in November of 1954 and returned home to his family in Newton.

Following his return from the service, Bruce began a remarkable career in the insurance industry. When Bruce took a position at American Mutual Insurance Company his world changed for the better; he met a beautiful girl named Thelma Carlson. Bruce and Thelma married in October of 1965 and shared more than 51 wonderful years together. Bruce went on to work for a few other Insurance companies before going to work for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner's Office, where he retired in 1997.

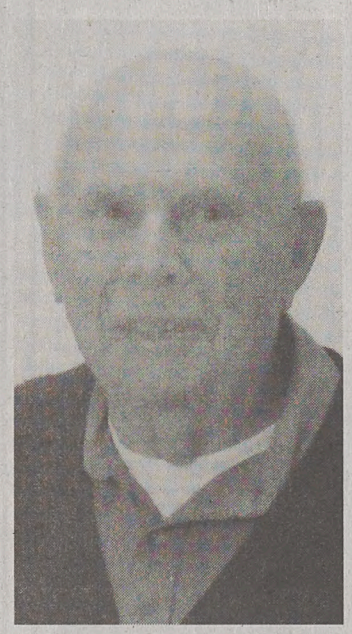
Bruce and Thelma moved to Wilmington where they built their dream home and raised their children, Eric and Kristen. Bruce cherished his role as a father and he was very involved in his children's sporting events. For many years, Bruce coached Wilmington youth sports including softball, basketball, and hockey. Bruce loved coaching not only his kids but many kids throughout the town; he helped to build their skills as well as their self esteem; he was their biggest fan.

When Bruce's kids attended Wilmington High School he became the ultimate Wildcat fan; Bruce attended countless field hockey, football, hockey, and basketball games. He came to know the students and athletes and still went to many games even after his own children graduated. Bruce followed the athletic accomplishments of many of the students through their college years as well; he just loved to watch the kids succeed.

Following his retirement, Bruce went to work for the town and took the job as a crossing guard at Wilmington High School. Bruce had a great relationship with the students and went out of his way to keep them safe; he was always at the front of the High School, rain or shine with a great smile, a kind word, and of course a pocket full of lollipops. Bruce was beloved and well respected by the students and staff at Wilmington High; he was greatly missed when he retired this past year.

Bruce was known to be an AVID sportsman, he actively followed all of the Boston and New England sports teams but his all time favorite was the Boston Bruins. Bruce and Thelma were season ticket holders for quite a few years; they met and befriended many of the all time great Bruins players and even entertained Gerry Cheevers and Ted Green in their home.

Bruce will be fondly remembered as a "great guy,"



he was personable, friendly, and helpful. Bruce was a wonderful family man, neighbor and a true friend to many; he will forever be in the hearts of those he touched.

Bruce was the beloved husband of Thelma M. (Carlson) Peters, devoted father of Eric Peters & wife Sandra of Pelham, NH and Kristen Forrest & husband Haegan of Reading. Loving grandfather of Molly & Zachary Peters and Aiden & Owen Forrest. Cherished son of the late Lewis and Jeanne (Guimier) Peters, dear brother of the late John Peters.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service with Military Honors at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donation in Bruce's memory may be made to the MSPCA-ANGELL, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

You get a dog! You get a dog! You get a dog!

Tewksbury Sports Club partners with Great Dog Rescue

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Sports Club owner Artie LaRouque is so excited about his rescued dog, Jack, a fixture at the club, and is a big proponent of pet adoption. To that end, Tewksbury Sports Club is partnering with Great Dog Rescue New England to host a canine adoption event on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the sports center on Main Street.

The event is part of a larger open house that the sports club is holding that day.

"We are thrilled to partner with GDRNE and share the opportunity for Tewksbury residents to learn about adopting a dog," said Erin Knyff, representative for the club.

Great Dog Rescue New England is a non-profit dedicated to finding permanent homes for all breeds of dogs. They are a shelterless organization specializing in connecting pets to new owners, with a vast network of foster homes to care for abandoned or surrendered dogs. The animals are checked for health, given shots, are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and then, according to the organization's website, "placed in loving foster homes until they find their very own family."

In a conversation with the *Town Crier*, Meet and Greet Events Coordinator and volunteer Liz Weinstein said that they are looking forward to the event.

"We will bring approximately five to 10 dogs and people can learn about adoption," she said.

No one goes home with a dog that day, but potential adopters have the chance to see the dogs and determine compatibility.

"People can fill out an application and start the process," Weinstein said.

Adoption coordinators review applications and align dogs with lifestyle, family size, and other characteristics for optimal placement.

Weinstein believes that "we have so many dogs that we are sure to find one for everybody," noting that the non-profit has grown so rapidly that it is placing dogs rescued from the Southern United States in addition to those from New England.

An adoption fee of $400-$475 goes right back into the operation and funds the work that is done. Great Dogs is all volunteer, and Weinstein said that those interested in fostering dogs should also come to the event.

"We'd love their help and can explain the process and responsibility to them."

Great Dogs will hit a milestone of 10,000 adoptions very soon and is proud of the accomplishments.

Another great opportunity at the event will be to meet Molly Wogan of the PAWS project. Molly sells items for dogs such as treats and dog accessories, with all proceeds going to shelter groups such as Great Dog. Molly is only 12-years old and is an inspiration. Her efforts funded the purchase and installation of a washer and dryer for Great Dog, as an example.



▲Jack was adopted by Tewksbury Sports Club owner Arthur LaRoque. The club will host Great Dog Rescue New England's adoption event on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (Courtesy photo)

The Tewksbury Sports Club is proud to bring this pet adoption event to Tewksbury and share its facility with the public. Adoption events have become so popular that groups are quickly outgrowing their venues, so the club is a great fit with space for the pets and humans.

For more information about canine adoption visit *www.gdrne.com* and for more information about the Tewksbury Sports Club visit *tewksburysportsclub.com*.

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Please email resume and cover letter by February 13th to:
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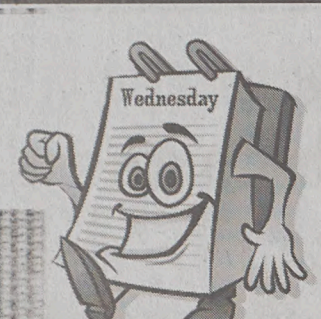
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Wilmington Calendar:

Humans and Us Show on Friday, Feb. 17

Boy Scout Troop 126
Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Villanova Hall
Wilmington's Troop 126 is looking for new members. Boys in grades 6 are eligible to join Scouting. Boy Scouts learn important skills like swimming, personal fitness, and leadership. Go to Villanova Hall during a weekly Thursday meeting from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. to discuss joining Scouts.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge
Third Sunday of each month
Fourth of July Building
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are $10 per person for the year.

Comedy Night
Friday, February 3, 2017
Elks Lodge, 777 South Street in Tewksbury
Wilmington Sons of Italy and WHS Band Parents will run their Annual Comedy Night on February 3 at the Elks Lodge in Tewksbury. Comedy night is $20 per person. Bring your own munchies; a cash bar will be available. Raffles and a silent auction will be held. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and the show starts at 9:00 p.m. with Steve Bjork emceeing. This is always a sellout. Only 300 tickets are available and over 200 are gone, so call Kevin soon to reserve yours at 978-657-7734.

Valentine Family Movie & Craft Night at Abundant Life Church
Friday, February 10 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Abundant Life Church, 173 Church Street
What does it take to be a good friend? Come find out, with Veggie Tales! Sheerluck Holmes and the Golden Ruler. Make a craft and enjoy refreshments. The suggested donation is items for the Wilmington Food Pantry. For more information, call 978-658-8584 or visit *ablifechurch.org*.

Humans and Us Show
Friday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Bungalow Bar & Grill, 333 Valley Street in Manchester, New Hampshire
Humans and Us, a local rock band and winner of the Wilmington High School Battle of the Bands, will be playing at Powder Keg's Record Release Show. The show features guests including not only Humans and Us but also Red Ledger, Write Your Story, High Risk Maneuvers, and Almost Got Caught.

Wilmington High School Talent Show
Wilmington High School Auditorium
The annual talent show hosted by the Science Club will be held March 3. Auditions for the talent show will be Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1. Hosting this year will be Trevor Breen and Jeremy Tingdahl. Come and support the Science Club.

WHS Drama Club Presents Legally Blonde
Wilmington High School Auditorium
The Wilmington High School Drama Club is suiting up for Legally Blonde. The musical will run three times, once on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. and twice on Saturday, May 13, once at noon and again at 7:00 p.m. Come and support the arts by watching this local production of the famous musical.

Sons of Italy Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 25 from 6:30 p.m. to Midnight
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks
Wilmington Sons of Italy will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a gala Dinner Dance on March 25 at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. $50 per person includes hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, a five-course dinner, including wine, and entertainment by vocalist Lori and Bill McLaughlin. For tickets, contact Michele at 978-604-6437.

Tewksbury Calendar:

Friends of the Elderly Valentine's Dance

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Friends of the Elderly Activities Meeting
Friday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Senior Center Conference Room
The Friends of the Elderly will hold an Activities Meeting this Friday in the Conference Room at the Tewksbury Senior Center. The agenda will be a review of activities and events in 2017. All are welcome to attend.

Friends of the Elderly Valentine's Dance
Friday, February 10 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Senior Center
The Friends of the Elderly will hold a Valentine's Dance at the Tewksbury Senior Center on Friday, February 10. Couples and Singles are welcome to come to dance and enjoy the sounds of the Perfect Match Band. Tickets are available at the door at $10 per person. Refreshments are served mid evening. At this event the Friends honors those Tewksbury couples who have reached their fiftieth or 50+ Wedding Anniversary and who have never been a guest in the past. If you are such a couple or know of such a couple please contact Linda Brabant at 978-851-4243 or e-mail her at lindab29@verizon.net by this Friday, February 3. The Friends would love to have you as their guests!



"Sole Sisters" running off the hangover

The "Sole Sister" Running Club gathers together at the Woburn 14th Annual "Run Off Your Hangover" Road Race. The new running group has members from Wilmington and surrounding towns. (KAPAndrewsPhotos.com)

Four students make Dean's List at Quinnipiac Univ.

HAMDEN, CONN — The following area students were named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the Fall 2016 semester:

Tewksbury
- Danielle Farrell
- Rachel Harris
- Christina Morris

Wilmington
- Victoria Ferreira

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

About Quinnipiac University
Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 6,784 full-time undergraduate and 2,884 graduate and part-time students in 100 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and College of Arts and Sciences.

Quinnipiac consistently ranks among the top regional universities in the North in U.S. News & World Report's America's "Best Colleges" issue. Quinnipiac also is recognized in Princeton Review's "The Best 381 Colleges." The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Quinnipiac among the "Great Colleges to Work For."

For more information, please visit www.qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook at *www.facebook.com/quinnipiacunews* and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter *@QuinnipiacU*.

Puzzle Corner

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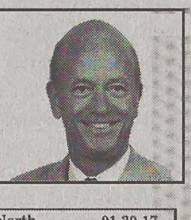
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SOLUTION

BRIDGE

Phillip Alder

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Christmas Competition answers 1 and 2

Here are the answers to the first two questions in my competition.

1. South is in six spades. West leads the club king. Declarer puts up dummy's ace, but East ruffs and returns a trump. When West discards a club, how should South continue?

South has 12 top tricks: five spades (East's club ruff cost his natural trump trick), three hearts and four diamonds. However, he cannot draw trumps, because he won't have a dummy entry left.

West cannot have seven diamonds. So, after winning the second trick in hand, cash the diamond king. If West discards, take the diamond queen, play a spade to the jack and cash the diamond winners. When both opponents follow suit, cash the heart ace. If West discards, cash the other top hearts, ruff a heart in the dummy, cash the spade jack, ruff a club to hand, draw trumps and take the last two tricks in diamonds.

If West follows to the heart ace, cash the diamond queen. If West discards, continue as above. Here, though, he follows suit. Now cash the heart king. When West pitches, cash the heart queen, ruff a heart low, take the spade jack and diamond ace (discarding your last heart) and claim.

North 01-30-17
♠ J 5 4
♥ 5 4
♦ A J 6 3
♣ A 7 5 4

West
♠ —
♥ 6
♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ K Q J 10 9 8 6 3

East
♠ 10 9 8 7 6
♥ J 10 9 8 7
♦ 7 5 4
♣ —

South
♠ A K Q 3 2
♥ A K Q 3 2
♦ K Q
♣ 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♣	5♣	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♦	Pass
7♥	Pass	7♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ??

2. Supply a sequence after South opens two clubs, and West overcalls five clubs.

This depends on partnership agreement. The "standard" method is that double by North warns of a very bad hand and pass is encouraging. In my sequence, South cue-bids six clubs to show at least 5-5 in two suits, and the auction ends in seven spades by North! It's hard to reach seven no-trump.

Austin Prep to host Middle School Open House Feb. 4

READING — The Middle School at Austin Preparatory School is hosting an Open House for families of boys and girls interested in grades six through eight.

The Middle School at Austin Prep offers a unique journey for students in grades 6-8. Its small class sizes (average is 15 students per class) and interdisciplinary teaching encourage creativity and independent thinking. The primary purpose of the middle school experience is to discover and enliven the special talents within each student.

Austin Prep's program develops study and thinking skills appropriate to diverse intellectual disciplines and to students' developmental abilities. Classes stimulate curiosity, encourage innovation, and sustain a passion for learning. Over time, students develop greater independence by becoming self-directed and responsible, having a choice and a voice in their program of study.

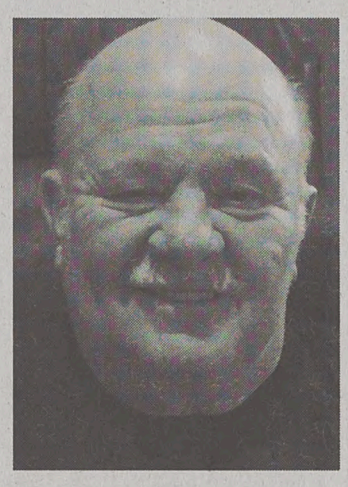
The Middle School Open House is Wed., Feb. 8 at 9 a.m., at 101 Willow St., Reading. All families are asked to register so the school is fully prepared for your visit — register at *www.austinprep.org/inquire*.

Families will have the opportunity to meet Headmaster James Hickey, Ph.D., Head of Middle School Michael McLaughlin, speak with middle school faculty members and take tours of the campus with current students. Tours will include visits to the new Stadium Athletic Complex, arts and music wings, classrooms and Meelia Hall (gymnasium).

OBITUARIES

Dennis Savosik

Taught for many years at Chelmsford High



Dennis Savosik, age 73, a long-time Wilmington resident, passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Chelsea on July 24, 1943, Dennis was the son of the late John and Martha (Levinska) Savosik. He was raised in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School.

Following high school, Dennis earned his Bachelor's Degree from Salem State College and then continued on to receive his Master's Degree at Boston University.

Dennis married the love of his life, Kathy Vieira in 1967; the couple settled in Wilmington in 1969 where they raised a wonderful family. That same year, Dennis began his teaching career at Chelmsford High School where he taught Business and Accounting courses. Dennis had an unwavering devotion to his students and their education; he taught them to reach for the stars and that there wasn't anything they couldn't accomplish with hard work.

Dennis also had a great personality and was a favorite among his fellow teachers and faculty; he finally retired in 2001 following 35 years as a wonderful educator.

Dennis loved his family unconditionally; his two daughters meant the world to him. In later years, it was the grandchildren that occupied Dennis' time.

He loved to attend the grandkids sporting events and dance recitals; he was always their biggest fan. Although Dennis and Kathy enjoyed their vacations to Martha's Vineyard, Ireland, and on several cruises, Dennis would much rather have been home spending time with the family.

Dennis was an avid golfer and enjoyed any kind of trivia, Jeopardy being his favorite show. He was a longtime member of the Lions Club and played on the club softball team for many years.

Dennis will be fondly remembered as a great friend who was fun to be around; he will be forever missed by those closest to him.

Dennis was the beloved husband of Kathleen (Vieira) Savosik of Wilmington. He was the loving father of Patricia Savosik Meehan and Brenda McConologue & her husband Dan, all of Wilmington. Cherished "Grampie & Bing" of Rebecca Russo, Helen Meehan and Katie, Danny & Dennis McConologue. Dennis was the dear brother of William & Dianne Savosik of Wilmington, Peter & Peggy Savosik of Colorado and the late Dorothy Ebert. Dennis is survived by his brother-in-law George Ebert of Wilmington as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment was held in Wildwood Cemetery. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 30 from 3-7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Dennis's name can be made to Care Dimensions c/o the Kaplan Family Hospice House, 78 Liberty St., Danvers, MA 01923 or to the Winchester Hospital Foundation, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester, MA 01890.

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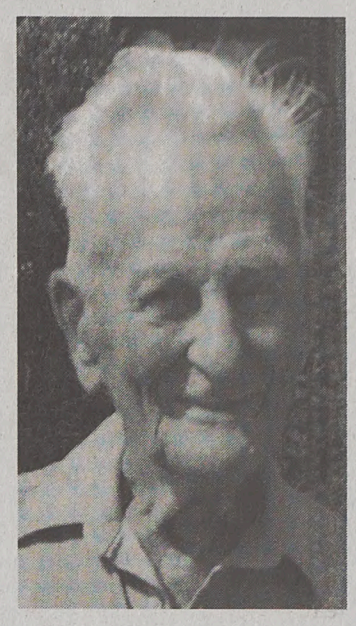


Tewksbury Boys Basketball League fundraiser

Tewksbury Boys Basketball League Board members, Susan Timmons, Debbie Winter and Karen Ryan sold raffle tickets at the fundraiser at the Elks on Friday evening.
(Photo by Maureen Brady)

Frederick J. 'Fred' Squires, Jr.

Served the country for 47 years in the Navy



Frederick J. "Fred" Squires, Jr., age 90, of Wilmington, died unexpectedly on Jan. 28, 2017, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Fred was born in Medford, MA on Jan. 3, 1927; he was the dear son of the late Frederick J. Sr. and Selina Squires. Fred was raised and educated in Somerville and a graduate of Somerville Technical Vocational High School.

Following graduation, Fred enlisted in the United States Navy on Sept. 22, 1944 during WWII. Little did Fred know that this would be the beginning of an impressive career with the Navy; he would serve the country for over 47 years as active duty, as well as a Navy reservist.

Fred started his career in the Navy as an electrician's mate aboard the USS Everett F. Larson serving overseas and earning several medals for his honorable service. He was discharged into the Naval reserves in December 1947. Fred was again activated in September of 1950 during the Korean war; he served as an electrician foreman aboard the USS Capricornis and was decorated for serving during the Navy Occupation.

Fred was again honorably discharged from active duty on June 12, 1952; returning to reserve duty. Fred was recalled to active duty on Oct. 26, 1961; he was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis and actively served during the Vietnam War as an electrician's foreman, a radioman, and was very talented when it came to the aircraft.

Fred's duties were endless; he was also very instrumental in training fellow sailors and Naval reconnaissance. Fred was released from active duty in April of 1962 and served the rest of his Naval career in the reserves; he finally retired from the Navy in 1991 as a Chief Petty Officer following a remarkable career.

Fred married the "love of his life" Madeline Dion in 1947; the couple shared many wonderful years together until her passing in June of 2008. Fred and Madeline settled in Wilmington where they raised two great daughters Linda and Karen.

Fred enjoyed traveling; some of his favorite trips were to Maine during the summer with his wife and daughters, to Sarasota, Florida, a family trip to Tennessee where he enjoyed the Grand Ole Opry, and in later years he took a Tiger Cruise out of Hawaii with his grandson; this was a trip of a lifetime for both of them.

Fred's unconditional love and support for his family was unwavering; he was always there for them. Aside from being a devoted husband and father, Fred was also a terrific father-in-law, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and a true friend to many. Fred was the type of person who would go out of his way to help anyone, he was always dependable, and could fix anything.

To say that Fred was a hard worker is an understatement; Fred was self taught in mechanics, plumbing, and electrical to mention a few. Fred had a brilliant mind and vast knowledge of many different subjects not to mention a work ethic that was unbeaten.

Fred was always the first to show up on the job, he always had a smile on his face, he got right to work and was always the last to leave because he needed to make sure everything was done and in order. Fred was also generous with his time and talents to teach others.

Fred went to work as an engineer with Klein Associates in New Hampshire which was a start up company at the time and he soon became best of friends with the owner Martin Klein. Fred and Martin traveled all over the country plugging their inventions; many times they drove wherever they needed to be because they couldn't afford the airfare but that never swayed them, Fred did most of the driving as he was also an experienced trucker for many years; he always did what had to be done.

50 years ago, Fred and Martin introduced their E.G. & G. side scan sonar to the world; they changed the history of ocean exploration and participated in many trials for the government. Fred's knowledge of ocean exploration was instrumental in his involvement with Jacques Cousteau as they searched for the Loch Ness Monster.

Besides an amazing career, Fred also took the time to volunteer for several organizations that were very close to his heart. Fred was a member of the American Legion and the local VFW where he could help other service men and women who were returning from active duty.

Fred was a Mason at the Mystic Valley Lodge in Arlington and a Shriner; Fred volunteered countless hours of his time and his talents with their many fundraisers; he was never too busy to do for others. Up until last week Fred was still volunteering every Tuesday at the Wilmington Shriner's and it is rumored that the Roller Derby Tournaments were his favorite.

This past Jan. 7, Fred's family celebrated his 90th birthday and it was well attended by over 100 people young and old. Fred had an endearing personality and a genuine ability to relate to everyone no matter what their age; his kindness and compassion for others was unwavering.

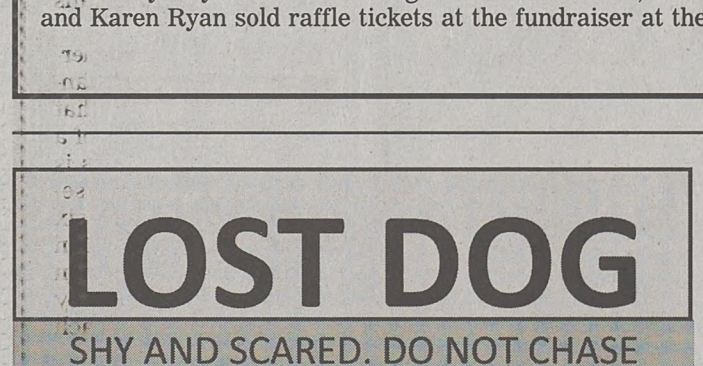
Fred will be fondly remembered for his patriotism, integrity, loyalty, courage, generosity, and intelligence; he had a wonderful sense of humor and a great smile that warmed everyone's heart. Fred will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Fred was the beloved husband of the late Madeline M. (Dion) Squires, devoted father of Linda L. Minor of Westfield and Karen J. Baro & husband William of Townsend, loving "Grampa" of James Minor, Kimberly Flematti, William Baro Jr., Edward Baro, Jamie Baro, Carrie Zmijewski, "Great-Papa" of Kailey, Keith, Joshua, Samantha, Andrew, Casey, Matthew, Dylan, Brandon, Trent, Ava, Aubrie and "Great-Great-Papa" of Sawyer. Cherished son of the late Frederick J. Sr. and Selina (Robbins) Squires, dear brother of George Squires of Pelham, NH, Barbara Jones of Billerica and Marjorie Lazarus of Tuscon, AZ. Fred is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family & friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service in St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 14 Treble Cove Road, North Billerica at 11 a.m. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Frederick's name may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children- Boston, Attn: Development Office, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com



Owner searching for lost dog in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — Hardly a telephone pole has been missed with the posting of flyers for a missing dog in Tewksbury.

Gone since Jan. 16, the beloved pet has been sighted a few times , but only briefly. According to the owner, the dog is very shy and should not be approached. The preference is to call the number on the poster quickly so that the owner may approach the dog.

The dog is approximately 30lbs. and is dragging her leash. There is a reward for finding the animal. The owner has set up a makeshift central command and is ready to go quickly to find the animal.

The public is asked to call or text if they have any information: **617-633-5763.** Thank you.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

History of the Lowell Boat Shop on Feb. 6

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Writing Group *RR
Saturday, February 4, 9:15 am

If you love to write and seek feedback, then join our writing group. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Open to all genres and levels. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

History of the Lowell Boat Shop *RR
Monday, February 6, 2:30 pm

Located on the bank of the Merrimac River in Amesbury, MA, Lowell's Boat Shop is a working museum and National Historic Landmark as the oldest continuously working boat shop in the United States. Established in 1793 by Simeon Lowell, the Shop continues to produce dories and skiffs in the Lowell tradition. Our "Dory Story" extends through every phase of American history including the role we play today in education and preservation.

Cookin' the Books *RR
Tuesday, February 7, 12 pm

Featured Cookbook: Portuguese Homestyle Cooking or Authentic Portuguese Cooking by Ana Patuleia Ortins

Not only will we cook from Ana's cookbooks but she will join us at the meeting and give us some tips and ideas for our next cooking adventure. If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online) and email your recipe selection to leader Lisa Crispin *(lcrispin@wilmlibrary.org)*. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes!

Alternatives to Cable *RR
Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm

Are you tired of having 100s of channels but not finding anything good to watch? Come join technology librarian, Brad McKenna, as he presents alternatives to cable such as Netflix, Hulu, etc. While not all are free, the alternatives could save you quite a bit of money every month.

Totally 80's Trivia *RR
Thursday, February 9, 7 pm

Flashback to the 80's in this joint event with Reading & Wilmington libraries! Celebrate this totally radical decade with trivia, snacks & fun! Come dressed in your best throwback outfit (optional). Prizes awarded! Registration required.

Kids & Teen Events
Monday, February 6, 9:30 am

Drop in for a fun playgroup led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 2-5

Teen Trivia Tuesdays *RR
Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 pm

Show us your smarts at pub-style trivia! Play against your parents and friends, putting your pop culture knowledge to the test. The winning team walks off with prizes (and bragging rights!). Snacks are provided. Grades 6 -12.

Read to Zoey, the Listening Labrador *RR
Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 pm

Zoey is a great listener who loves to have kids of all ages read to her and improve their reading skills. Zoey has been certified as a therapy dog by the Pets & People Foundation. Please call 978-694-2098 to sign up for a 15-minute session.

Drop-in Storytime
Friday, February 10, 10:00 am

Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Space is limited. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 3-5 and one or more adults

Baby Times
Saturday, February 11, 9:30 am

Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

Dads and Donuts
Saturday, February 11, 10:30 am

Dads and their kids ages two and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults



More than books at library

Mary Kelly's artwork is on display at the Wilmington Memorial Library through April 10. As a native of New England, Mary's oil landscapes, seascapes and water colors capture the beauty and illusive light of the region. (Courtesy photo)

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Lifestyle

▼A musical trio plays in the Renaissance Atrium of the Worcester Art Museum. The museum opened in 1898 and is world renowned for its collection of thirteenth through twentieth century art.



▼Visitors enjoy the comfortable galleries, sitting amongst works by Gauguin and Renoir at the Worcester Art Museum. (Paige Impink photos)



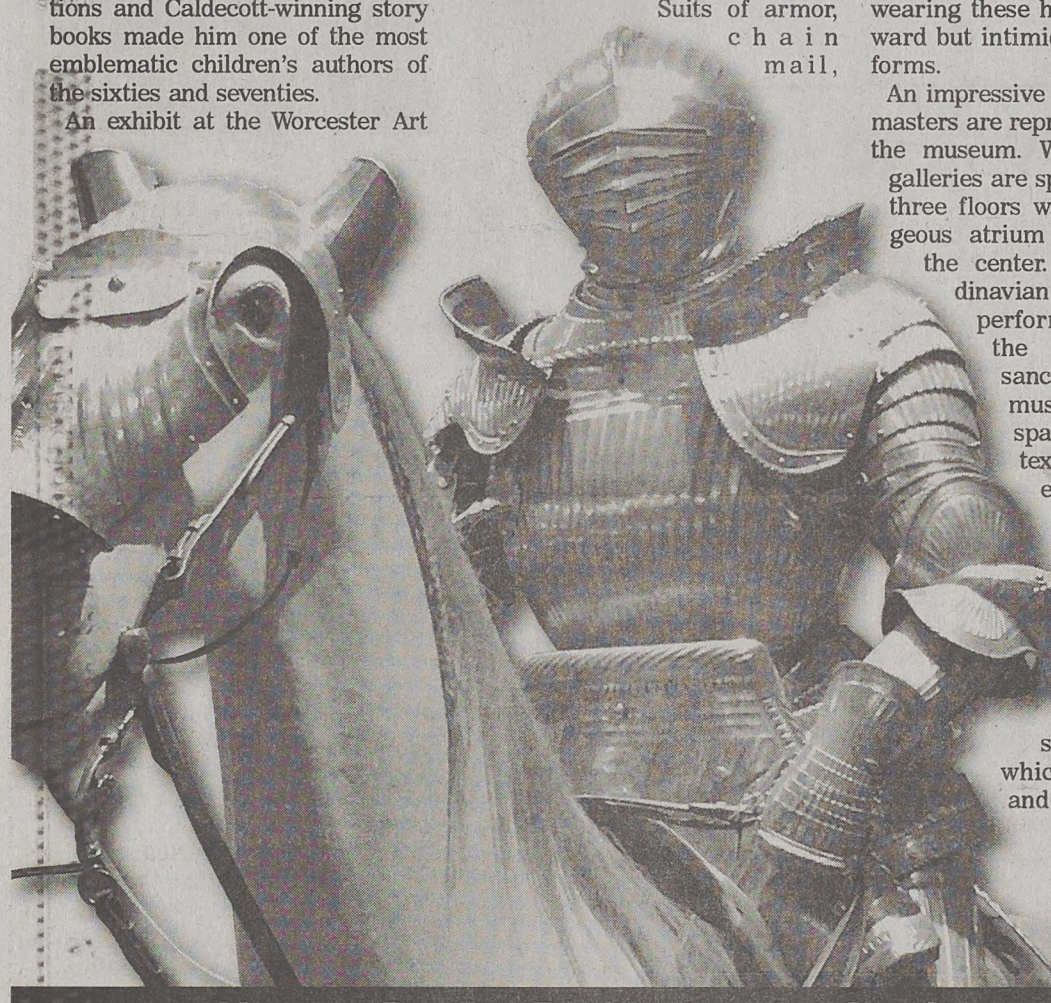
Masters and Knights at the Worcester Art Museum

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You might recall Ed Emberly's books from your childhood. The thumbprint master created how-to books for drawing all types of animals and people using a simple inked print from your thumb. That, coupled with his numerous illustrations and Caldecott-winning story books made him one of the most emblematic children's authors of the sixties and seventies.

An exhibit at the Worcester Art Museum, running through April 9, 2017 titled "Kahbahbloom: The Art and Storytelling of Ed Emberley" is a delightful review of his work along with an interactive exhibit where patrons can draw and participate. On the day we visited, we got to meet the illustrator himself.

The Worcester Art Museum is also the new home to the arms and armor collection, formerly in the Higgins Armory in Worcester. Suits of armor, chain mail, swords and medieval weapons, including jousting poles are set about the museum, interspersed with art of the time, religious artifacts, tapestries and stories of castles and knights.



Put your hand in a glove from a suit of armor and imagine how it might have been to ride a horse or scratch your nose while wearing these heavy, awkward but intimidating uniforms.

An impressive number of masters are represented at the museum. Warmly lit galleries are spread over three floors with a gorgeous atrium space in the center. A Scandinavian folk trio performed in the Renaissance Court, wafting music through the space and lending texture to the whole experience.

American, European, pre-Columbian, modern and Medieval art are displayed in small galleries which offer seating and an ease of move ment. Docents are abundant and willing to answer any questions or engage children by pointing out features that might otherwise be missed.



We noted works from Winslow Homer, Mary Cassat, Renoir, Gauguin, Gilbert Stuart, John Singleton Copley, Jackson Pollock, vases from Louis Comfort Tiffany, Grandma Moses, and even one of the iconic Campbell Soup can paintings by Andy Warhol. There are interactive video opportunities and artistic video walls in some galleries as well.

The WAM, as it is known, also offers an extensive array of art classes for adults and children, and February vacation workshops for kids from ages 3-17. The museum is easy to get to right off Route 495 and 290 West, approximately 35-40 minutes from our area. Parking is free in the museum lots or on the street.

A modest entry fee helps support the museum and lunch can be had at the café or via a snack cart. The Worcester Art Museum is a lovely way to spend an afternoon immersed in art and culture without being overbearing or requiring a lengthy commitment.

In two hours we covered the galleries in fair detail and felt good about what we had experienced. Give it a go and take the chance to see some great works without having to trek into Boston. *www.worcesterart.org*

▲One of Monet's impressionist Water Lilies paintings at the Worcester Art Museum.

◀A suit of armor for knight and steed at the Worcester Art Museum. The Higgins Collection of armor is now housed at the WAM since the armory closed in 2013.

HAPPENINGS IN EDUCATION

STUDENT PROFILES

With truth and kindess to guide her, Monteiro takes on the world

By JULIA SESSA

In order to be successful one must have the drive and the stability to achieve their goals. TMHS senior Leandra Monteiro is a perfect example of that.

Daughter of Susana and Joe Monteiro, she has lived in Tewksbury for 14 years. Approaching her last semester of senior year, she has chosen to challenge herself with rigorous academic courses. She is enrolled in English, Psychology, Business and Marketing and Statistics. She has also made honor roll her first semester of senior year.

On top of her academic achievements, she also has a pretty impressive extracurricular record. Leandra is a member of DECA, International Association of marketing students, which provides members and advisors with development activities. She also dedicates her time to the club SADD, which is Students Against Destructive Decision.

Outside of school you would find Leandra working at Wamesit Lanes. In her free time she likes to Bake, listen to music and hangout with friends. Some of Leandra's favorites include, "Grease" the movie, and the song "Drops of Jupiter."



Her favorite food is anything pasta or chinese related. Her friends describe her as unique, motivated and outgoing.

Kaitlyn Stephens, a TMHS senior met Leandra in eighth grade in History class. Leandra decided to invite her into a group project because Kaitlyn did not have any friends at the time.

"She inspires me to be a better person," Stephens exclaimed. "She cares about her friends more than anything in the world."

Another friend, Alex Grey, met Leandra in first grade during an extended day program, as they spent every afternoon together after school.

"She's always truthful, and so kind," illustrated Grey. "She is always the one to tell the honest truth to help you be a better person."

If her friends are not a testament to her success of being a part of the TMHS community her plans for after her senior year will prove her diligence. After high school her plans are to major in Baking and Pastry Arts. She has applied to Johnson & Wales and SUNY Delhi.

This coming fall she will be a part of the class of 2021 at Johnson & Wales, Leandra credits her success to her parents for always supporting her in everything she does. She is also proud to be a part of the TMHS community, where she especially finds comfort in the library.

"I want to thank Mrs. E, the school librarian," smiled Leandra, "for always supporting me at school and being there whenever I need her."

Excited for her last semester of senior year, Leandra cannot wait to pursue her goals in the future, eventually owning her own bakery.

Thompson raps her way to 'unlikely' victory for TMHS Class President

By CASSIA BURNS

"A victory will be unlikely" is what Claire Thompson was told prior to her fourth attempt at running for President of the Tewksbury Memorial High School class of 2017. After running unsuccessfully each year since freshman year, Claire knew that even if victory was unlikely, she wanted to go out with a bang.

"I was told that there was a good chance I would lose, since people didn't really see me as a big personality," she explained. "But I was still passionate about the cause and wanted to help my classmates."

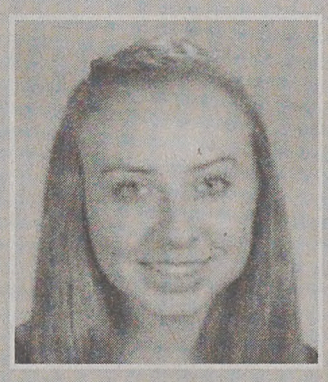
Determined to make a statement, she decided to make her election speech a rap.

"I like to write poetry, so I kind of got the inspiration from there," she laughed.

It was a success; she won the presidency after trying the entirety of her high school career.

As Class President, Claire works with the other members of the Class Council in order to plan and fundraise for the events of Senior Week.

Aside from Class Council, Claire also participates in Principal's Council, Junior



Classical League, and the National Honor Society. Within the Principal's Council, she attends meetings throughout the year with Tewksbury Memorial High School Principal Kristen Vogel, alongside representatives from each club at TMHS.

During meetings, Vogel addresses key issues with the students in order to gain insight into what they believe to be possible solutions.

Throughout her academic career, Claire has challenged herself with a variety of rigorous classes. Some include AP Chemistry, AP Latin, AP U.S. History, all taken junior year, as well as AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English, AP Physics, and AP Psychology, taken her senior year. Her favorite class has been AP Chemistry.

Her academic success spans across other areas as well. This past fall, Claire was honored in regards to her high PSAT scores with a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship.

Looking ahead, Claire hopes to pursue a career in Biology, with intentions of going into the medical field. However, she hopes to incorporate her love of writing into her future career. In terms of colleges, she has applied to M.I.T, Harvard, Brown, Boston University, Boston College, and Tufts.

In her free time, Claire enjoys reading and writing. Enjoying genres spanning from classic literature to teen science fiction, her favorite books include Little Women and the Harry Potter series. In terms of writing, she often creates poetry, and occasionally pens short stories.

In regards to her accomplishments, Claire credits the work of TMHS teachers Nicole Saad and Paul Early for enabling her success. She finds the passion and dedication of both within the classroom setting to have been influential in helping her prepare for life after high school.

"They've been the biggest contributors to my education and just helping me in general," she stated.

Tewksbury Police Log

Billerica resident charged with drug possession

Monday, January 23

12:34 p.m. - Someone had hacked into the caller's company's email at Main Street. Police sent. Party was spoken to and the police filed a report.

1:18 p.m. - A party at Chandler Street called the station to report that upon arriving home, her front door was wide open. Police sent to assist. The house was walked through with the officers; it was believed to be an oversight.

1:38 p.m. - Two suspicious males supposedly looking for lost or stolen IPhone at Trinity Circle. Police sent to assist. The parties were spoken to.

3:23 p.m. - A past fraud issue at Villa Roma Drive. Someone tried to change the address of her mother, who is deceased. Police sent to speak to the caller and filed a report.

Tuesday, January 24

4:08 a.m. - Suspicious activity parked outside with possibly one occupant at Whipple Road. The police report the party was gone on arrival.

4:23 a.m. - Police are out with a motor vehicle at Whipple Road regarding prior incident of suspicious activity. The RO of the vehicle has run out of gas and was waiting for Triple A. Everything checks out clear.

4:28 p.m. - Female caller reported a DMV at Shawsheen Street and Main Street which was possibly causing the traffic light to stay on red. Police sent and the police reported Triple A had arrived.

9:38 p.m. - The employee from Mobil Gas Station reported a male and a female have been parked at the pumps for approximately half an hour. Police sent. Both parties were spoken to and checked. They were talking and just got gas. They will be on their way.

Wednesday, January 25

1:16 a.m. - At the Jade East, the police sent for suspicious activity. The party was on their way once they spoke with the police.

10:22 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for speeding at Chandler Street and East Street. Kimberly Hastings, 41 of 10 Hinckley Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license revoked and speeding.

12:09 p.m. - The employee from Geiger Drive requested assistance with locating the male party on a warrant of apprehension. Vincent Depierro, 26, of 31 Geiger Dr. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant of apprehension.

12:16 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for suspended license at route 495 North and Main Street. Jessica Cardinal, 23, of 36 Sachem St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with two counts of larceny, possession class B drugs, two counts of license suspended, forgery check, possession of class A drugs and possession of class E drugs.

Thursday, January 26

6:15 a.m. - Police out attempting to serve a warrant at Motel 6. Juan Coto, 46, of 62 Robert Dr. in Bedford, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor.

8:29 a.m. - An erratic driver was reported at Andover Street and Greenmeadow Drive. The erratic driver almost hit the caller's son around the bus. The police spoke to both parties as well as the ambulance.

1:44 p.m. - The traffic light was staying on red on the Old Main Street light and Main Street. DPW notified at 2:09 pm.

1:47 p.m. - A 911 hang up at CVS North. Police sent to confirm, and it was confirmed to be accidental.

3:23 p.m. - At Sharry Landscaping, an animal call occurred. After the police arrived, the animal was gone on arrival.

Friday, January 27

1:22 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Chandler Street for the RO showing a suspended license. Christopher Hayes, 26, of 121 Bligh St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended and no inspection sticker.

5:27 a.m. - Two suspicious males wearing dark clothes were at Babicz Road. Police responded, but they were gone on arrival.

Saturday, January 28

1:14 a.m. - A stolen vehicle was parked at Extended Stay America unoccupied. Lawrence Police Department and State Police Department contacted. Message left for RO of vehicle. Police filed a report.

Sunday, January 29

1:32 a.m. - Two parties dressed in black walked down the street at Blair House. The police were sent and the parties were gone on arrival.

2:24 a.m. - A suspicious party was in the caller's driveway at Psychic Reading. When the police spoke to, the party lived next door.

2:48 a.m. - A suspicious activity occurred near Sky Box Sports Bar. The police took the plates off the vehicle and the parties were on their way.

6:37 a.m. - Police out attempting to serve a warrant at Extended Stay America. Ashley McDonald, 24, of 17 Plains Circle in Franklin New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant.



Crossing over

Jay Sheehan helped Conor Burns light "the spirit of scouting candle" during a cross over ceremony on Monday evening when Weeblos from Pack 361 became scouts.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

Wilmington Police Log

One injured in collision on Rt. 62/I-93 exit 40

Monday, January 23:

10:08 p.m.: A Kia Sedona hit the yield for pedestrians sign by Market Basket. The sign was not damaged.

Tuesday, January 24:

8:27 a.m.: A Nissan Rogue hit a pole and damaged a fence on Wisser Street. Unable to wake anyone up at the house where the fence was damaged, police left a note on their door. No one was injured.

9:24 a.m.: A tree on Roberts Road fell, knocking down power lines and blocking the street. Blockades were placed by the Department of Public Works at Roberts and Boutwell while the tree and power lines were dealt with.

9:29 a.m.: A Ford LGT and a Chevrolet Malibu were in a motor vehicle collision by the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Middlesex Avenue. No one was injured.

9:42 a.m.: A Forest Street mailbox was damaged overnight.

3:38 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Hopkins Street and Minkrun Road involving a Mitsubishi Outlander and a Jeep Grand Cherokee. Despite the airbags having had to be deployed, all parties refused medical attention.

5:43 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the Shawsheen Elementary School involving a Honda CR-V and a Hyundai Santa Fe.

Wednesday, January 25:

8 a.m.: Graffiti was spray painted on a fence at Windsor Place.

10:46 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Lowell Street involving two Toyota Corollas. No injuries were reported. One of the drivers was issued a citation for failure to use caution while stopping.

6:35 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Butters Row and Main Street involving a Ford Explorer and a Jeep.

Thursday, January 26:

10:47 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Butters Row involving a Toyota Corolla and a Ford C-Max.

11:05 a.m.: Graffiti was found spray painted onto a building on Avalon Drive.

12:46 p.m.: At least one was injured in a collision at the intersection of Route 62 and I93 Ramp 40 which involved a Honda Accord and an Acura MDX. Both vehicles were towed and the operator of the Accord was cited for an illegal U-turn.

4:17 p.m.: A Stone Street resident found a new green mountain bike and a large bottle of alcohol behind her fence. The bike was locked to the fence and the alcohol was taken to be disposed of by police.

Friday, January 27:

9:41 a.m.: Three low hanging wires were found on High Street, hanging low enough to be a possible traffic hazard. Verizon arrived within the hour to deal with the wires for two houses while Reading Light was called in to deal with the wire over the road.

3:14 p.m.: A driver was cited for failure to use care after an accident on Salem Street involving a GMC Sierra and a Toyota Camry.

5:21 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Pilot and a Mazda 5 occurred at the Shawsheen Elementary School. No injuries were reported.

5:35 p.m.: A Honda Accord and a Toyota Camry were in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Lowell St. and I93. After the collision, one of the cars did not stop and police had to locate it using the license plate number that a witness saw. The vehicle was located by Lawrence Police and the Lawrence resident was issued a summons for leaving the scene of property damage.

5:41 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at D&D Lock on Main Street involving a Toyota Camry and a trailer. No one was injured in the collision.

Saturday, January 28:

8:40 a.m.: A water pipe burst inside of Allcoat Technology on Eames Street and the water had to be shut down for several hours.

Sunday, January 29:

1:06 a.m.: A passerby reported a deer that appeared to have been hit by a car on Shawsheen Avenue. The deer seemed to be struggling to move and was picked up from the roadway.

10:09 a.m.: A mailbox on North Street was damaged overnight, possibly by a bat. There were no other signs of damage in the area.



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The Matty Fund to become part of Epilepsy Foundation New England

WARWICK, R.I. — The Matty Fund and Wilmington-based Epilepsy Foundation New England (EFNE), announce their partnership and the unveiling of The Matty Project. The announcement was made at The Matty Fund's annual winter gala to an attending audience of more than 200 families, friends, supporters, and donors. The event was held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

The Matty Fund will become The Matty Project as an initiative under EFNE. The evolution of the organization will enable the expansion of support and services to Rhode Island adults living with epilepsy, including job skills training, financial support, in-person and digital community platforms, and access to on-staff experts. In addition, the success of The Matty Fund in Rhode Island will be utilized as model for EFNE to develop programming and expand upon its grassroots community building efforts across the New England states.

The Matty Fund was created by Richard and Debra Siravo in 2003 after their five-year-old son, Matty, passed away from a prolonged epileptic seizure. Since its first act of building a handicap-accessible playground at Matty's preschool, the organization has grown to provide family resources, raise epilepsy awareness, promote patient safety, and improve the quality of life for children and families living with epilepsy.

The Matty Fund's signature events and programming will continue under EFNE through The Matty Project, including the Camp Matty therapeutic horseback riding program, Matty's Memorial 5k Run/Walk, the Matty Fund annual golf tournament, and the "My Friend Matty" epilepsy awareness book and corresponding Matty Hatty elementary and pre-school program.

EFNE was founded in 1981 as the Epilepsy Association of Greater Boston. Throughout its 30 years, EFNE's work has followed its mission to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.

"It's a whole new time for EFNE," said Susan Linn, executive director of the organization. "As we continue to evolve EFNE's programs and services, our work with The Matty Project will truly enable us to expand upon the reason we are here: help for today and hope for tomorrow. We are so inspired by the Siravo family's strength and passion; and we are grateful to them as well as the entire Matty Fund staff and community for venturing into these new opportunities with us. Together, we will advance open conversations and provide the critically needed support and resources for those fighting epilepsy throughout New England."

Richard Siravo led the unveiling of The Matty Project alongside his family and members of the EFNE board and staff during Saturday's event. Two of Siravo's sons, Joe and Steve, have been appointed to the EFNE Board of Directors, and his son, Christopher, will serve on the newly forming Rhode Island Epilepsy Council.

"There could not be a more perfect alignment of mission between our two organizations," said Siravo. "When Deb and I began The Matty Fund nearly 14 years ago, we had no idea of the impact we would have or desperate need for such an organization. It is Matty's spirit that has been guiding us through every step along this amazing journey and his magic encouraging us to grow. The Matty Project is the next phase in our journey. We are so excited to be working with EFNE to positively impact the lives of children, adults, and families living with epilepsy."

Epilepsy awareness and lectures, college scholarships for students living with epilepsy, and research funding for epilepsy treatments and cures are shared programs that will continue under EFNE. EFNE's affiliation with its parent organization, the national Epilepsy Foundation, strengthens the unified voice of advocacy for epilepsy programming and policy on regional and nationwide levels.

Upcoming EFNE events during the first half of 2017 include:

- **March 4** – Masquerade Candlelight Dinner (NH)
- **April 17 – 20** – Camp Matty (RI)
- **April 22** – Walk For Epilepsy Orono (ME)
- **April 29** – Springfield Walk for Epilepsy (MA)
- **May 6** – Epilepsy Education Conference (NH)
- **May 13** – 5k Color Run/Walk For Epilepsy (ME)
- **May 27** – Matty 5k Run/Walk (RI)

For more information about EFNE or programs and resources, visit *www.epilepsynewengland.org.*

About The Matty Fund

The Matty Fund was established in 2003 after 5-year-old Matthew Siravo passed away from a prolonged epileptic seizure. The non-profit organization is dedicated to honoring young Matty while improving the quality of life for other children and families living with epilepsy.

Since that time, The Matty Fund has grown to become the foremost epilepsy support organization providing family resources, public awareness, and promotion of patient safety across Rhode Island and nearby states. The Matty Fund is a Rite Aid KidCents Charity. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and at *http://mattyfund.org.*

About Epilepsy Foundation New England (EFNE)

Epilepsy Foundation New England brings communities together to raise awareness about epilepsy, help people with epilepsy, and support research.

In the U.S., 1 in 26 people develop epilepsy in their lifetime. There are three million people in the US with epilepsy (more than the number of individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease combined).

For more than three decades, EFNE has been leading the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. If you or someone you know is living with epilepsy and would like more information about programs and services in your area, please contact Epilepsy Foundation New England at (617) 506-6041 or *epilepsynewengland.org.*



Whooo?

Marcia Wilson and her owls were guests of Pack 361 during their crossover ceremony on Monday evening. (Photo by Maureen Brady)

Olin Corporation gets approval to conduct groundwater sampling for possible NDMA

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN
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(Eds. note: In last week's Wilmington Town Crier, there was a story written about the Jan. 9 Wilmington Board of Selectmen meeting. In that article was information about the Olin Corporation of Wilmington which was asking for access licenses and agreements to conduct groundwater sampling.

The story incorrectly stated that it was MRSA (also known as Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus which is an infection known as a superbug and has no cure), when it's really NDMA (also known as N-Nitrosodimethylamine which can occur in drinking-water through the degradation of dimethylhydrazine (a component of rocket fuel) as well as from several other industrial processes. It is also a contaminant of certain pesticides. NDMA has been identified as a disinfection by-product of chloramination and, to some extent, chlorination. NDMA can also be formed as a by-product of anion-exchange treatment of water).

The story also stated information provided by Selectman McCoy who voted against the licenses. The other four board members voted to authorize the access licenses and agreements to enable the Olin Corporation to complete the groundwater sampling.

The Town Crier regrets the errors as well as not including the reasoning behind Selectmen O'Connell, Bendel, Caira and Champoux voting in favor of the licenses. Below is the full story in its entirety. Again, the Town Crier apologizes for any confusion.

WILMINGTON — The Olin Corporation is looking to get access licenses and agreements to conduct groundwater sampling. This is part of an effort required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A document referred to as final Remedial Investigation in Feasibility Study (RIFS) work plan was developed in 2009 to set out a series of tests that need to be done.

It is a part of the assessment that Olin has been going through since 2006 when it became a Superfund Site. These tests would be to determine the northern boundary of the contamination zone, so this would be the final element of establishing what the limit of the contamination zone is.

There are three particular access licenses and agreements that Olin is seeking. The first agreement permits access to the site along Route 38, just north of Eames Street, the second deals with a location on Eames Street, and the third deals with the area right at the end of Morse Avenue which is off of Woburn Street.

This testing and determining of the boundaries of the contamination site is the beginning of what would be a long road to cleaning up the contamination site, and the one issue that was plaguing the Board of Selectman during their discussion was a decision to grant the access agreements potentially assisting New England Transrail in their efforts to redevelop the Olin site. The main concern in approving these access licenses and agreements was that they did not want New England Transrail to be able to get their hands on anything that could possibly help them to move forward.

"It's a Catch-22, if you will, and I'm trying to stay focused on the fact that we need to figure out the full scope of where this has migrated to and to be able to establish how to clean it up. It's difficult to know the scope of the job site and what needs to be done if they haven't been able to characterize the outer boundary limits to effectively know that their cleanup is going to reach the level that it should," Remarked Chairperson Judith O'Connell during the Selectman's meeting. "So, we're in a conundrum, and I did pass a comment to Jeff that it just seems ironic that now these additional tests are kind of coinciding with the New England Transrail application."

Discussions and testing started in 2009. It's now 2017 and they want to do this additional testing, so O'Connell said she had mixed feelings about it.

"I'm just putting it out there,," she said, "but at the same time I want to be able to do what's right and support the EPA with regards to clean up efforts for the benefit of the Town of Wilmington and its residents."

The expectation following the testing is that Olin will have some results that they will provide to the EPA by the summer of 2017, which at this point is a preliminary estimation, and then it would take about a year for the EPA to go through all the information and offer comments, so it's conceivable by late summer or early fall of 2018 that EPA will be in a position to shift gears from the assessment phase to developing remediation options.

In the past there have been a number of attempts to establish the northern boundary of the contamination zone, so test wells have previously been located at various spots to try and determine where the end of that contamination zone exists.

"In each case, the results came back with contaminated ground water, so in response to that they extend the location for testing," said Town Manager Jeffrey Hull during the discussion.

"They will continue to do this until they come to the point where they're getting no detection of contaminants. I don't believe, based upon the discussion I had with Jim DiLorenzo (from the EPA) that the timing of this is related to anything associated with New England Transrail. It's just, from what I gather, coincidental."

Hull went on to note that they've done testing before, and they're now extending that edge, so it turns out that now is when they need to do that.

This work is a part of the follow up to address data gaps in the groundwater investigation described in the RIFS work plan. The need to install these wells is based upon a review of the initial set of groundwater data that was collected under the RI.

Phased investigations are typical under Superfund, they develop an initial scope of work, conduct the investigation, and then develop subsequent focus work scope to evaluate a few areas or issues in greater detail. These wells and soil borings were not specified in the original RI work plan, they were identified as being necessary after the initial set of RI groundwater characterization activities were completed, and US EPA had a chance to review that data and identify data gaps that require further investigation.

O'Connell felt they need to continue to follow through this process with DiLorenzo and the EPA's betterment of the area based on the existing issues they have.

"I think it's just a calculated risk," she said, "that some of this information may be gleaned by other parties that might be interested in the parcel, but we still have a job to do as a community and cleaning up that site."

"I want to be really cautious, as my kneejerk reaction is to be cautious about giving any extra leeway to Olin given the circumstances, but I want to make sure that we do the right thing for the community present and future, and if that moves the ball forward, getting us closer to remediation sooner, then it's certainly our obligation to do so," stated Selectman Michael Champoux during the discussion.

In the end there were four votes from Selectmen O'Connell, Champoux, Caira, and Bendel to grant Olin the access licenses and agreements they are seeking, and one vote from Selectman McCoy against.

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Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Multi-Chamber Networking/Social Media Presentation
Date: Thursday, February 9
Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Place: Crowne Plaza, 15 Middlesex Canal Park, Woburn

10th Annual Chamber Comedy Night
Date: Friday, March 3
Time: Doors open 6:30 pm, Comic 8:00 pm
Place: Aleppo Shriners Fez Room, 99 Fordham Rd., Wilm.

56th Annual Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 21
Time: 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Place: Windsor Place, 99 West St., Wilm

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.

School budget to contain more professional development funds for teachers

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is any grants that are received.

Major factors that were taken into account while making this budget were contractual obligations (this year with the teachers and cafeteria workers), using more technology in the classrooms (commitment to the one on one computer will be expanding and funds for professional development are needed), more complex special education IEPs, and increased utility costs.

This budget will enable the school department to maintain current class sizes which are advantageous, reinstate a part-time library media specialist at the Boutwell and Wildwood Schools and a full-time library media specialist at the Middle School, reinstate professional development funds to support the staff so that they can provide students with the appropriate curriculum, ensure that all legal mandates are funded, (such as special education, homeless transportation, and ELL), establish a self-supporting Tech Academy in the summer for students entering the eighth and ninth grades, establish Wilmington as an S.E.I. training site for surrounding communities, fund all of the contractual requirements, fund more supplies at the Middle School in order to reduce requests from parents for school supplies, and after a concern about money going toward performing arts was brought to Benton's attention, a line was put into the budget to pay for the copyrights for plays.

"I tried to listen in the few short weeks I had before putting together to the needs (the School Committee) had, community members had, teachers had, administrators had and I hope that this is a budget that really will provide for Wilmington to move forward," said Benton.

Some statistics for the Wilmington School District are that there are 3,463 students and 471 staff members. Approximately 93 percent of high school students go on to higher education. There are 30 students whose first language is not English, and there are 70 out of district placements.

The budget contains recommended personnel changes, such as adding a librarian at the middle school, a part-time one at the Wildwood, moving the part-time Shawsheen librarian to the Boutwell, and having an OIT technician position become a librarian position. Based on class size, there can be a reduction of one teacher and two ed. assistants, as well as making some central office reductions. This recommended budget is for 471.90 staff members.

The budget includes step and salary changes as well as new positions.

"We make sure that we, as best we can, figure out for teachers who is changing lanes this year and how that's going to cut costs. We've lost the kindergarten grants, so that's now in the operating budget," explained Benton.

The salary change is 3.18 percent, non-salary change is 3.52 percent, and the district is increasing the curriculum supplies. There is a new reading program at the elementary level that really is spending a lot of money on training, because they also couldn't do the program if there were not classroom libraries. There is a hope to switch funds this coming year to supplies for the classrooms.

For Capital requests, the School Department is looking to continue the telephone system project, replace the elementary school switches, continue to add laptop carts for MCAS 2.0, upgrade the mail server, replace the once state of the art tech ed. engineering lab at the Middle School, replace PK-3 lab PCs and laptop batteries, and purchase a new SPED van.

In conclusion Benton stated, "As I used to say every year when I presented the budget, and I will be happy to say it again this year, our budget work is based on the belief that the most important interactions that take place are between the teacher and the student."

She also noted that the schools have labored to build a budget that supports the mission of Wilmington Public Schools.

"We continue to believe that's the most important place to spend our money."

On the presentation, School Committee member Stephen Bjork said, "I'll just make a comment that the work that you and Paul (Ruggiero, Director of Administration and Finance) and Sean (Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent of Schools) have done is certainly impressive. I'm very appreciative of everything that you've done."



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High five!

Wilmington Middle Schooler AJ Erickson, right, gets a high five from Boston Celtics player, Tyler Zeller, during the recent visit to the school.

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Concern that Wilmington could still be liable for unemployment compensation

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what is going on.

One issue that the board still has in regards to the separation agreement is whether the town may in the future have the responsibility, in conjunction with Watertown where DeLai is currently working, to pay if she files for unemployment.

"If there is an employment separation, it's my understanding that the town may have some liability in terms of unemployment compensation, because, my understanding is that should she become unemployed benefits would be paid by her current employer, and to some measure, by the town of Wilmington," said Hull on the matter.

This conversation then led into discussion of the appeal to obtain the School Committee's Oct. 3 executive session minutes. The vote to appeal was taken on Jan. 9, with only Selectman Michael Champoux voting against the appeal.

Champoux's concern is that inflammatory, private information about DeLai's situation may be released within those minutes, and that if released he would not want to cause "any undue pain or anguish" in regards to the situation going public. He also questioned whether releasing the minutes earlier than the June 30 deadline could cause ramifications if any inflammatory information were to come out.

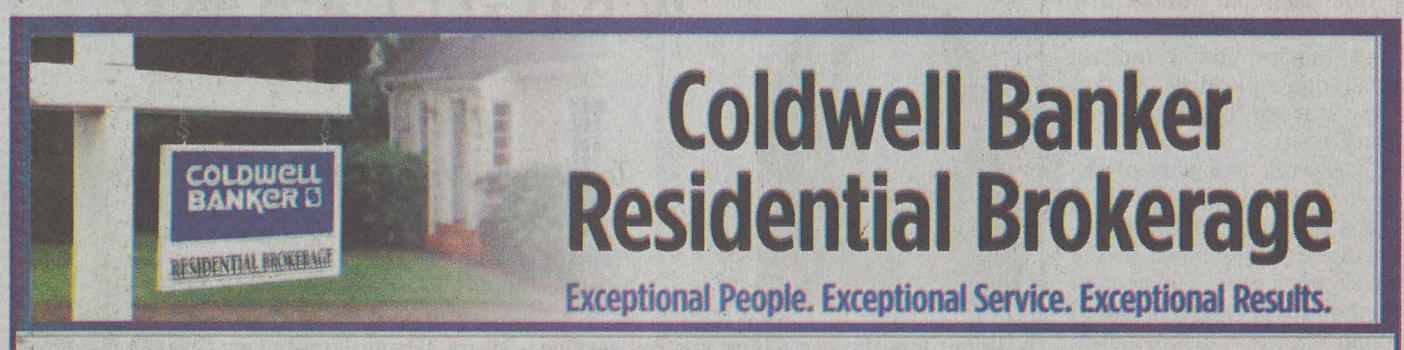
Selectman Gregory Bendel agreed with Champoux that receiving the executive session minutes can wait for June when the reason for them being in the executive session will come to a close.

"I think we've done our due diligence here," Bendel said. "We've explored every option, we've been trying to find out as much information as we can, we've got the information from counsel that says we should pretty much end it, and I think we should wait until June and find out then. Until then, we could focus our energy on other things that are important to the town."

In response to these concerns, Selectman Kevin Caira stated, "the appeal is going to the Supervisor of Records, and I'm sure that they would not reveal any personal things of nature or things that are inflammatory. This is what their job is, to review those executive session minutes and to determine if they are eligible to be released rather than waiting."

In regards to the timing of the information coming out, O'Connell stated, "it's not a question of if they're going to be released, it's going to be a question of when. So it's my understanding, and Mr. McCoy had said it at the last meeting, that eventually these will come out, (and) they have to, so in terms of censoring what's in them, we're not going to be able to do that."

Champoux made a motion to rescind the appeal, which would mean waiting until June for the minutes to become available. The motion was defeated 3-2 with only Champoux and Bendel voting in favor to rescind the appeal.



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Wilmington SPORTS

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Led Mystic Valley Charter School to three straight sectional games

Craig Turner named WHS Football Coach

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WILMINGTON -- If loving your job helps make you successful at it, then the Wilmington High Football team likely landed themselves great new coach this past week when they hired Craig Turner to become the tenth head coach in program history, replacing former coach Mike Barry, who resigned after last season.

While some people may say it and not really mean it, Turner, 33, will actually mean it when he says he is living the dream when he roams the sidelines for the Wildcats this upcoming season, just as he has been living his dream for the past for four years as head coach at Mystic Valley where he compiled a record of 28-15 and led his team to two Commonwealth Athletic Conference Small School championships.

"I can remember as far back as being in elementary school, and we would have to write about what we wanted to be when we grow up," Turner said. "A lot of the kids would say 'I want to be Drew Bledsoe,' but I would be saying I want to be Bill Parcells. I always wanted to coach. My father has been coaching Pop Warner since I was a little kid and he is still coaching now. He helped me at Mystic and I was helping him when I was in high school and in college.

"I have been coaching in one form or another since I was about 12 or 13 years old. It's always been something I

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On Monday afternoon, School Administrators at Wilmington High School introduced Craig Turner as the new Varsity Football Coach. He becomes the tenth coach in program history. He introduced himself to the returning players, including elected captains for the 2017 season Marken Nerestant (left) and Tyler Roberts (right) as well as sitting down with the Town Crier. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Position generated a lot of interest

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WILMINGTON - A short while after then Wilmington High School football coach Bob Almeida resigned after the 2007 season, the position for his replacement was posted. Only four people applied for the job which went to longtime assistant coach Mike Barry, who had served in various roles in 12 extremely successful seasons under Almeida.

Barry was the head coach at WHS for nine years. The first handful of years were successful in terms of wins and losses but the last few were not and that, among other reasons, eventually led

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New Coach going to the 'Spread' Offense

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WILMINGTON - Back in 2008 when four people were vying for the Wilmington High School head football coach position, I wrote a column backing assistant coach Mike Barry as the choice to replace Almeida. I believed that Barry was the best choice at that time, coming off 12 very successful seasons as an assistant here, all the while having a significant football background before that.

In his nine years as head coach, I thought overall Barry did a fine job. The last few years doesn't really show that, but that doesn't take away how he carried himself everyday. Barry's work ethic

SPREAD PG SP6W

Pair of WHS Wrestlers pin down League Championship Titles



Wilmington High senior wrestler Sam Jennings, shown here during a meet held two weeks ago, had a huge day on Saturday, first surpassing the 100-win plateau as well as capturing the Middlesex League Championship Meet title in the 170-pound division. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Jennings takes 170-pound title; wins 100th match

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WAKEFIELD -- What a weekend it was for Wilmington High senior wrestler Sam Jennings. The veteran Wildcats star, who has had a remarkable career for the Wildcats, achieved more in just one day on Saturday at Wakefield High School than many wrestlers achieve in their entire career, not only winning the 170-pound title at the Middlesex League Championship Meet at, but also winning the 100th match of his career in the process.

Of course, it wasn't just one weekend of work for Jennings to reach these milestones. The talented grappler put in countless

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Cook claims Heavyweight Title

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WAKEFIELD - Before the start of last year's season, Paxton Cook basically knew nothing about the sport and had no experience. By the end of it, as a sophomore, he won five matches.

Before the start of this season, he wasn't sure the sport was right for him - well he didn't want to come back and wrestle in the same weight class as he did last year, heavyweight.

The second week of the season, he changed his mind and now six weeks later, he won his 16th, 17th and 18th matches of the season on Saturday. The 18th win, a 4-2 decision over a previously unbeaten Jacob Fortier of Melrose, crowned him

COOK PG SP4W

Next Week

On Wednesday, February 1st, three Wilmington High School female athletes, Stephanie Figueiredo, Julianna Iocco and Kayla McCauley, officially signed their National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Lenoir-Rhyne University, Clarion University and Northeastern University, respectively.

The pictures and story will appear in next week's Town Crier Sports Section.

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Wildcats skating and playing backwards

Defeat Warriors despite poor team play



Wilmington High junior Ryan St. Jean has been tremendous this season for the struggling Wildcat Boys Hockey team. Here he makes a key save in the team's earlier season loss to Burlington, while sophomore defenseman Conlin Duffy looks to clear the rebound away. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Monday night's hockey game should have been an easy math problem. A win would get Wilmington two points and still keep state tournament aspirations alive. While the Wildcats were able to figure out that addition problem with a 2-1 victory over Wakefield, the team now has to figure out some long division – since the performance at the Ristuccia Arena was a simple case of a divided Wildcats team playing very selfish hockey.

On this night the Wildcats were dreadful in every facet of the game. The team's intensity, teamwork and forecheck were all non-existent, while ill-advised turnovers, penalties and lack of the basics haunted the team throughout all three periods.

"Obviously that was the result we were looking for as we can't afford too many more losses, but we have lost our way," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "There was no forecheck. Just lazy play. We were throwing pucks without looking, selfish stuff all over the rink, dumb penalties, you name it we did it. It was JV hockey out there."

It wasn't even that – it was pond hockey, seeing which guy could score more goals than his friends.

The result of the win improves Wilmington's record to 3-6-4 overall, meaning the team has to go 5-2 in its last seven games. That will be a very tall task with games against Reading (8-5-1), Burlington (8-4-1), a flaming red-hot Tewksbury (9-3-2) team as well as rematches with Melrose (5-5-3), Stoneham (6-4-2) and Wakefield, and then a non-league game with Medfield (7-5-1). Only Wakefield, now 2-10-2 overall after the loss including giving up 60 goals in 14 games this season, has a losing record.

Wilmington scored a goal just 57 seconds into Monday's tilt with Wakefield (they were the home team as this was make-up game) but it was inadvertently was waved off after one official said the net came off its bearings first, but the camera behind the glass proved otherwise.

After failing to generate any legitimate scoring chances on two separate power plays, Wilmington officially got on the scoreboard with 4:20 left in the period. Bobby Lord sent the puck back to the right hand point. From there Tommy Robarge put a hard low slap shot on net which was tipped in by Tom Worob making it 1-0.

Wilmington went up 2-0 scoring a goal just 1:37 into the second period as Ryan Barrett sent a pass across the slot area to Josh Buske and his wrist shot crept through the legs of the Warriors' goalie.

Wilmington then had a 5-on-3 advantage for 1:18 and couldn't get anything going, before being penalized twice themselves, killing off individual penalties.

The 'Cats carried that 2-0 lead going into the third period and instead of putting Wakefield away, Wilmington was called for two more penalties, including a four-minute major hit from behind, followed by another infraction giving Wakefield a 5-on-3 for 46 seconds. They converted on their chance, cutting the lead down to 2-1 with 5:43 left. The Warriors did pull the goalie for the extra skater with 1:25 left but 'Cats goalie Ryan St. Jean kept up his strong play in net and turned away 20-of-21 shots he faced all night.

Wilmington faced an extremely dangerous Reading team on Wednesday night with results not known as of presstime. Then on Saturday afternoon, Wilmington will host Melrose at the Ristuccia Arena (2 pm) and both programs will raise awareness for breast cancer, with all proceeds including a bake sale and a raffle, to be donated to the Susan F. Smith Center for Women's Cancers at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Defensive lapses crucial as Sachems prevail, 3-1

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WOBURN – Entering Saturday afternoon's game, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team was in a must-win scenario. A win against a sub .500 Winchester team, which had given up 47 goals in 11 games, would put the Wildcats in a much position of inching their way back into state tournament contention.

Instead, the Wildcats played a very sloppy first period, including giving up a goal just 66 seconds into the game, and that along with poor defensive zone coverage on two other tallies led Winchester to the 3-1 victory in a Middlesex League cross-over game held at the O'Brien Rink.

The loss puts Wilmington at 2-6-4 overall, meaning the team needs to win six of its last eight games to get back into the D1 North tournament.

"In our league and not even in our league, at the varsity level, when you play two periods out of a three-period game, you put yourself in trouble," said a very disappointed Steve Scanlon, the team's head coach. "You don't know what's in that first period because you didn't play. If it weren't for the goaltending, we wouldn't have been in this game.

"The team knows what is at stake, they know how valuable these wins are right now and to not show up and be ready to play is just inexcusable. It's inexcusable. Then we poured it on in the last few periods. It's the same M.O. – we can't bury chances. We had 33 shots on goal and that's plenty to score goals. We were missing open nets, we had flybyes, so this is tough, tough, tough."

Wilmington was outshot 10-7 after the first period and trailed 1-0. In the final two periods, Wilmington held the edge of 12-6 and 15-9 in the respective periods.

The 'Cats had tied the game up six minutes into the second period and that score remained until Winchester took advantage of poor team defense. The Sachems scored their first and second goals with uncovered players in the high slot area.

"The late kid (in our defensive zone) hadn't been covered all game," said Scanlon. "They got every goal because that (high player in the slot) was uncovered. Burlington runs it, Arlington runs it and we covered it and today they ran the same thing and we just watched guys skate by us.

"I thought the game was lost in the first period. When you get this amount of shooting (in a game), it comes down to execution. The refs ref the game, the coaches coach and the players are the ones who play and the ones who need to execute."

Junior goalie Ryan St. Jean played another terrific game inbetween the pipes. He turned away 22 shots and kept Wilmington in the contest from the get-go. He was helped thanks to Connor Benoit who put home a second rebound off shots from Nate DiMeco and Joseph Mirabella making it 1-1. But then Winchester scored the game winner coming just 1:36 into the third period, before adding a power play goal with 44 seconds left in the game.

"We really needed this one," said Scanlon. "Now we have really put ourselves in a hole. (Making the state tournament) is probably not in the cards, but you never know and you need to keep working. You can't use the youth and inexperience stuff anymore. We're in the thirteenth game of the season so some of this stuff should be clicking by now.

"And for the third or fourth game in a row now, we come out and give up a goal two minutes into the third period and that really just puts you in a bad spot. Those third period goals are big."

Several days earlier, Wilmington played a fantastic game with one of the best teams in the entire state in Arlington. The No. 3 ranked Spy Ponders came away with a 3-1 victory.

"Arlington is the real deal," said Scanlon after the loss. "They are loaded and they just keep coming after you. I thought this was a morale victory for us. Our kids worked real hard. All four defensemen – AJ McKearney, Jarred Aucoin, Conlin Duffy and Tommy Robarge – had real strong games."

The game was scoreless after the first period, and Wilmington took the lead as Danny Woods scored on an assist from Tom Worob. Arlington tied it before the end of the second, before adding the game winner just 2:25 into the third period. Arlington outshot Wilmington, 35-14.



The Wilmington Youth Wrestling Program is off to a great start this season with many wrestlers in different weight classes placing in the Chelmsford and Woburn Tournaments. Those wrestlers include: first row from left: Landon Bentley 58lbs, (Bronze - Chelmsford), Henry Santini 56 lbs, (Bronze - Chelmsford), Jack Cyr 48lbs, (Bronze - Woburn, Silver - Chelmsford), Davide Vitale 48lbs, (Bronze - Chelmsford), Brody Humphrey 72lbs, (Gold - Woburn, Silver- Chelmsford), Damiano DiCenso 72lbs, (Bronze - Chelmsford); Second Row from left: Nick Iasone 93lbs, (Bronze - Chelmsford), Marcello Misuraca 120lbs, (Silver - Chelmsford), Ryan Copson 74lbs, (Bronze - Woburn), Shane Penney 96lbs, (Bronze - Woburn), Jack Martine 75lbs, (Bronze - Chelmsford), Dominic DiCenso 68lbs, (Silver - Chelmsford). (courtesy photo).

Letter to the Sports Editor

Boosters Club says Thank You

Dear Jamie:

On January 21, 2017, the Wilmington Boosters held their annual Boosters Dance. The dance featured OUTSTANDING music and performance by the band, Bed By Nine (highlighting Wilmington resident, Chip Abbott).

The dance is held to raise funds for scholarships for graduating athletes. We were able to successfully raise funds with several raffle baskets and five silent auction items.

The officers of Wilmington Boosters would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our hardworking board members and several families and/or companies that contributed to our cause for that night and made it a huge success.

Some of our contributors:

Bed by Nine; Bruce Barrie; Bruins Organization; Carl Michael Salon; Carpenter & Paterson Inc.; Celtics Organization; Kraft Organization; Kristin Kincaid Salon; Leanne's Studio; Picture Works; Platinum Door and Pat Mastrorilli.

Also, the following families including: Abbott, Abbott, Bourrell, Grasso, Knibbs, Nasiff, Niemiec, Robarge, and Wilson – most importantly, THANK YOU to all who attended, and generously donated.

Sincerely,
Dedi, Kim, Chuck and Gail
(Wilmington Boosters Officers)

K of C Free Throw Contest

The K of C Free Throw competition will be held Wednesday, February 8th at the Wilmington High School Gymnasium. Wilmington boys and girls ages 9 – 14 areinvited to participate. Registration begins at 6:30 and the competition starts at 7pm.

Last year's competition was a great success and we look forward to another great event this year.

For details or any additional information, contact Dan Woods at (781)710-7779 or donco7@verizon.net

Girls hanging in with the big clubs

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Wilmington High Girls' Hockey player Gina Bertolami looks to stuff the puck past the Burlington goalie during a recent home game. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WILMINGTON – It was an up and down week in terms of wins and losses for the Wilmington High School girls' hockey team, but the vast improvement has continued for the young and inexperienced Wildcats team.

The Wildcats were first defeated by a strong Arlington team 4-1 last Wednesday night before trouncing St. Joe's Prep 9-0 in a non-league game less than 24 hours later.

Then on Saturday afternoon, Winchester topped Wilmington 4-1.

The 1-2 week puts the Wildcats at 3-6-4 overall. To reach state tournament play, Wilmington will need a big second half, needing ten points in their last seven games which includes tough match-ups with Reading and Burlington. However, there are five winnable games with match-ups with Melrose, Wakefield, Watertown, Stoneham and Bishop Fenwick.

The 'Cats tied both Melrose and Wakefield, defeated Watertown, lost to Stoneham by a goal and Fenwick has just two wins on the season.

In Saturday's loss to a strong Winchester (6-2-4) club, it was just a matter of experience and depth.

"Winchester, Arlington and those large school teams are just very good teams," said head coach Mike Gautreau. "Injuries are killing us. If we have a few of those girls back, it's a different game. It's not a four-goal game. It's tough when you play teams like this. They are a little bigger, a little faster and a little meaner."

Winchester took a 1-0 lead after the first period before opening things up in the second scoring three more goals. The 'Cats got one back in the third as Olivia Wingate came down the right-wing boards and found an opening on the left side, with the assist going to Jillian Miele. That was all the 'Cats could muster.

Goalie Melanie Hayden made 33 saves in the loss.

In the non-league win over St. Joe's, Wingate had a monster game with four goals and one assist. Nicole Gianatassio added two goals, Lia Kourkoutas had a goal and two assists and Sam Grasso had a goal and an assist. Emily Hayden had the other goal while Molly Foley, Miele and Hailey Dusablon had single assists.

"It was nice because everyone got a chance to play and contribute. It was a morale builder and a team win. We scored a lot of goals," said Gautreau.

The night before against Arlington, Lauren DeAngelo scored the lone goal on an assist from Wingate.

"Against Arlington, it was the same thing as (Saturday against Winchester)," explained Gautreau. "We started out a little flat, but again it's another team that can roll out three lines at you and we are only skating two. That's tough."

Wilmington faced Reading on Wednesday night with results not known as of presstime. On Saturday, the 'Cats will travel to face Melrose for a noon time face-off before coming home Tuesday night for an 8:00 pm tilt with Wakefield.

Both track-and-field teams defeated by Burlington

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LEXINGTON – Last Tuesday, January 24th, the Wilmington High School girls' indoor track-and-field team wrapped up its regular season with a 59-27 loss to a very good Burlington team.

The Wildcats finished at a very respectable 3-2 record, which comes after losing a lot of talent from last year's 5-0 team which won the program's first every league championship.

"It was a tough match up for us and a tough meet all around. Going into the meet we looked to have a real shot at coming away with the victory, but the night as a hole seemed to lack a lot of focus," said head coach Brian Schell. "The Lexington facility is an oddly shaped track that definitely challenges the runners mentally, so I don't know if that is what got to us or not."

While the Wildcats had four girls finish first, two finish second and one with a third, the top highlight of the day came from two girls who didn't score a point or finish in the top three of their event, the high jump. This event has all been erased from all meets over the last year-plus.

"Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo and Mia O'Connell managed to attempt 4-6," said Schell. "Even though neither were able to clear the height, they were very close. This is a good sign for both girls and for the event as a hole. Their hard work is paying off and it looks promising going into next year in an event that was our weakest for a long time."

Finishing with first places included Anna De La Cruz in the mile (6:13), Lexi Luna in the 300 (45.2), Sam Burke in the two mile (13:53) and Thea Aliberti in the 45-yard dash (6.30).

Second places were earned by Alyssa Bernazani in the 1,000 meters (3:33) and Tori Sheehan in the 300 (45.7). Finally, Emma Garrity finished with a third place in the 600 running at a clip of

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Several weeks ago, Wilmington High junior Paxton Cook defeated Wakefield's Dan Demeglio. The two matched up again on Saturday and Cook prevailed for the second time which led him to the ML Championship title in the 285-pound division. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Cook claims Heavyweight Title

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the Middlesex League Heavyweight Champion.

"I was kind of nervous because it was the first time I had ever made it to the finals (of a tournament)," said Cook while taking a break from Monday afternoon's practice to talk about his special achievement. "I didn't know who I would be up against or what was going to happen. It turned out that (Fortier) was undefeated this season so I was a little nervous. I just went out there, did my thing and fought as hard as I could."

Cook took a 2-0 lead with a takedown in the first period. Fortier scored a point on an escape, before Cook again took him down for two more points in the second period. Again Fortier escaped to make it 4-2 after the second period.

"(At that point) I'm just sticking to defense and not (worrying) about offense," he said.

That plan worked as Cook held off Fortier for the final two minutes for the 4-2 decision victory. That put his record at 18-5, coming after just having five victories last season.

"He was with us last year and when he came out, I don't think he knew a thing about wrestling," said head coach Joel McKenna. "He's got such a nice personality during practices in the room, he's just good to have around and a lot kids really like him. He makes some jokes sometimes and he has a good personality.

"He ended last season gaining that experience and he came into this season a lot bigger than he was. He put on about forty pounds of muscle. He is a legitimate heavyweight. He's not a big-big heavyweight, but he's a legitimate heavyweight. He has a couple of advantages over guys. I think he's in better shape, he's stronger than the kids he wrestles even though he may be outweighed by forty pounds or more and there's been a couple of times over the last few weekends where he has wrestled kids who were 285 pounds. And he weighs 235 to the 240 pound range."

That was Cook's concern entering this season – he didn't want to wrestle the 'Big Guys' at 285. But he was too big himself to wrestle down at 220.

"This is second year of wrestling," said the 6-foot-3, junior, who added that he plans on trying out for the football team in the fall. "My friend got me involved last year asking me to get involved because I was a bigger kid and they needed to fill that weight class. I got (five) wins last year. I came back this year and just wrestled extra hard. I actually didn't want to come back because I didn't want to wrestle in the heavyweight division but the coaches pushed me to come back and it felt good doing it."

After missing out on the first two weeks of the season, Cook came to a practice and was hooked.

"Coach told me just to come down to a few practices," said Cook. "I did and I enjoyed what I was doing and it created a lot of the good memories that I had from last year. Coach said to do a couple of matches and to see how I felt, and when I first got out there, he put me in a JV match and I took the kid down in like five or ten seconds and I won, so I was pretty happy with it so I stuck with it and here I am."

After finishing with third places at consecutive tournaments, Cook said that his confidence was growing entering the ML Championship Meet.

"I thought I had a chance to win (my weight class)," he said. "I work hard, my coaches are always pushing me to do big things and they are always telling me I can do it. They always teach me the right moves and they give me confidence that I can do it."

He first took on Dan Dimeglio of Wakefield and pinned him in the second period at the 3:09 mark.

"I faced him before back at the Wakefield (dual) meet so I had a lot of confidence going into the match knowing that I had already beat him so I could do it again," said Cook. "I caught him in something and I was able to bring him down. I just worked from there to pin him."

That put him into the semi-finals where he made very quick work of Eric Pimental of Melrose, pinning him in just 1:16. Cook said that he has a height advantage over Pimental which gave him an edge, but being undersized in the weight class is something he always has to overcome.

"My coaches tell me that I can last the full six minutes a lot more than my opponents can. I try to take them down, or I'll use an underhook. Anything to get them down on the mat and once I do that, I just work it from there," he said. "I'm 240 and a lot of the kids I go up against weight around 285. It's a lot more to do to get them down and start working my stuff. I just try to use my strength and my will to get them down. It's tough but it seems to be working."

The win over Pimental put Cook in the finals. After about a 90-minute break, he competed in his first final match, coming away with that 4-2 decision, which gave him the league title and Fortier his first defeat.

"It felt great. It was just fantastic to get that gold medal," said Cook. "I had my Dad and my Grandmother cheering for me up there (in the stands) and that so great."

McKenna said that while Cook has come a long way, he still has ways to go before his full potential is maximized.

"I have been around long enough to realize that he has a lot of physical attributes that go in his favor," said the coach. "The biggest thing for Paxton over the course of the season is that he has become very coachable and he's become more motivated as he stays after practice to work on different stuff. We had to convince him that he was going to be successful and that he could be successful. I don't think he was able to see that through everything. He placed third at both the Nashua and the Cohasset tournaments and since that time, he's really snowballed. He's really done well for himself.

"The kid he wrestled in the finals, hadn't lost all season and Paxton went out and took it to him. Paxton has developed a lot of confidence. He's another one who listens to the coaches in his corner, he knows what his game strategy has to be, he knows what he is good at, he knows what to do in different situations and he just gets after it. You see it when he gets out there. His eyes light up and he loves being able to get physical against his opponents."

Eight wrestlers place at ML Meet

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WAKEFIELD -- While struggling to compete in some of their dual meet matches this season, due primarily at times to low numbers which have caused them to forfeit matches, the Wilmington High Wrestling team has had some great success in tournaments this season, producing champions and several place finishers in the Nashua Tournament, the Cohasset Tournament and Woburn Tournament.

This past weekend, in perhaps their toughest test of the season so far, the Wildcats headed to Wakefield High School for the Middlesex League Tournament, and once again performed very well, with place finishers in eight different weight classes, including a pair of champions and a runner up.

Senior captain Sam Jennings won the title at 170 pounds, while junior Paxton Cook was the heavyweight champion. Senior captain Jimmy Carroll meanwhile, took second place at 220 pounds.

Other place finishers for the Wildcats were freshman Jacob Bernard with a sixth place finish at 106 pounds, senior Josh Fitzler (132, 6th), junior John Cox (138, 5th), junior captain Patrick Carroll (152, 6th) and sophomore Nick Kullman (182, 6th).

Wilmington coach Joel McKenna, who has seen his team steadily improve over the course of the season, was happy to see so many of his wrestlers compete so well at such a tough tournament.

"We have a lot of guys who are reaching personal bests, and I think that is real important, especially this time of year. It is good to have them experience that kid of success, and it is something they can carry on into the final week of the season and into the post season.

"I was happy to see a lot of the younger guys who placed in the tournament."

One of the young wrestlers McKenna was most impressed with was Bernard at 106 pounds. While it is still very early in his career, McKenna sees plenty of promise in the young wrestler.

"It was the first time he had ever placed at a tournament," McKenna said. "The 106 pound weight class at the Middlesex League Tournament is so tough it is ridiculous. There are three state level wrestlers at that weight class, and Jacob has been wrestling for a month, so for him to be able to hold his own against those guys should be a big boost of confidence for him.

"He is not happy with sixth place, but he has gained some experience now, and I told him pretty soon he will be the one dishing out those beatings."

Jennings fought hard for his title at 170 pounds, winning by pin in the quarterfinals over Trevian Atallah of Reading in a time of 1:11, before beating Mike Yirrell of Wakefield by score of 7-4 in the semi-finals and Isaac Seide of Melrose in the finals by a score of 7-6. Jennings had lost close matches to both Yirrel and Seide earlier in the season, losing to Seide by one point and to Yirell in triple overtime.

Cook dominated his first two matches of the day, beating Dan Dimeglio of Wakefield by pin in 3:09, and Eric Pimentel of Melrose in just 1:16, before winning a 4-2 decision over another Melrose wrestler, Jacob Fortier, in the finals.

Jimmy Carroll won a classic, hard fought semi-final match at 220 pounds over Jackson Curran of Melrose, edging his opponent by a score of 3-2 in the fourth overtime, otherwise known as the Ultimate Tie Breaker (UTB), winning with an escape late in the period.

Carroll would go on to lose in the finals against Collin Casey of Melrose. Carroll has been one of the Wildcats most improved wrestlers since the start of the season.

"Jimmy had a slow start to the year, and at this point he's making it to the finals of every tournament he's in," McKenna said. "It's because of his hard work that he's improved like this during the season. He's getting to the finals, now he just has to break the door down and get through.

"We've been working on visualizing, and meditation and part of his training- and it's paid off. He doesn't panic, he's calm and collected on the mat. He's wrestling with a lot of poise.

John Cox had a big win in his fifth place match at 138 pounds, pinning Max Dionne of Belmont in a time of 2:32. Prior to that, he had come away with a big 7-6 win over Jackson Greeno of Reading.

Overall, it was a day that McKenna and the rest of the Wildcats will look back on with pride.

"It's great for these guys to know that while they may not have the record they want, they have the motivation where they want to do their personal best during these tournaments," said McKenna.

Jennings takes 170-pound title; wins 100th match

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hours of hard work to reach 100 career victories, becoming just the eleventh wrestler in school history to achieve the feat, while his Middlesex League title is another testament to his hard work, as on Saturday he defeated two wrestlers he had lost to earlier in the season.

The 100th career win for Jennings came in his first match of the day on Saturday when he pinned Reading's Trevian Atalla in a time of 1:11 in the quarterfinals of the tournament. Jennings knew heading into the match that a victory would be number 100 in his career, and he was confident he could get it.

"I was seeded second in the tournament, so I felt like it might be an easier match for me. It was against a kid I had never faced before, so I went out there and just stuck to my game plan," Jennings said. "My goal was just to take him down right away and go as hard as I can to get that 100th win because I wanted it so bad."

Jennings celebrated after achieving the career milestone, but not for long, as he knew there was still plenty of work to be done on the day.

"It was sort of bittersweet, because I felt good that I had gotten my 100th win, but I was also in the semi finals, and I knew I really had to focus on that," Jennings said.

Jennings would get his chance to for a much bigger celebration a short time later, pulling out a pair of thrilling victories by decision in both the semi-finals and the finals, winning both matches with dominant third periods.

In his semi-final match against Wakefield's Mike Yirrell, Jennings found himself deadlocked in a scoreless tie after one period and 2-2 after two periods, but he completely dominated the third period on his way to a 7-4 win to advance to the finals against a wrestler he had lost to in triple overtime earlier in the season.

It took Jennings a while to find an opening against Yirrell, but once he found it, he took full advantage, with two takedowns and an escape in the third period.

"He was a very defensive wrestler, so I was having trouble getting my takedowns, but that made it so much more rewarding, because I had to work for it so much more," Jennings said. "

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Alex Furlong	108
Shawn Adams	105
Fox Maxwell	105
Sam Jennings	103*
Mike St. Aubin	100

*Still active.

Moving on to the finals, all that stood in the way of Jennings and his first Middlesex League title was Melrose's Isaac Seide. Seide had already stood in Jennings way once this season, beating him by one point in an earlier match, but this day belonged to Jennings.

Once again, it was a big third period that led to the victory, as he entered the final two minutes leading by a narrow 5-4 margin, and saw Seide tie it at 5-5 early in the period. But moments later Jennings responded with a big takedown for a 7-5 lead, and then held on for the 7-6 win.

"I had lost to him earlier in the season, so it was a bit of a rivalry match for me," Jennings said. "It was a really intense match, just back and forth all the way. It was a very tiring match, and it felt good to get the win, especially with that third period takedown."

Wilmington coach Joel McKenna was impressed with how Jennings followed his game plan throughout the day, both before and after picking up his 100th career win.

"We developed a game plan for him and he stuck to it. He listens to us as coaches and he has developed a lot more confidence in himself over the past few weeks," McKenna said. "In the semi-finals the kid managed to slow him down a little bit, but we felt like that was a match he could win.

"And in the finals, he knew his opponent, and it speaks to his mentality and his intelligence that he was smart enough and savvy enough to know how to counter his opponent's strength."

The win over Seide gave Jennings the title, and also gave him a great deal of personal satisfaction to earn the win over some wrestlers he has fought many great battles with throughout his career.

"It means a lot, because that tournament is so competitive," Jennings said. "Over the past four years I have developed my own my own personal rivalries, so to beat some of these kids was great, and it means a lot to be a Middlesex League champion."

After his win in the finals, Jennings was also able to fully celebrate his 100th career win. He was also able to reflect on his place in school history, becoming just the tenth wrestler to reach the milestone.

"It definitely meant a lot," Jennings said. "It was a really good feeling after I had won the tournament to be able to celebrate my 100th win. All my teammates were around me and that's when it really hit me. It feels amazing because it is nice to see all the hard work I have put in over the past six years of wrestling finally pay off."

McKenna was also happy to see Jennings rewarded for all of the hard work he has put in throughout his career, as well as prior to high school.

"He didn't come in as a phenom or anything," Jennings said. "But he came in as a real talented athlete and as someone with experience. We expected big things out of him every single time he stepped on the mat, and he stepped in and did a great job.

"Every single year of high school has had a tough, tough weight class. He has gone the long road to have the success he has had. His work ethic is second to none."

The season is not over for Jennings and the Wildcats. They will wrap up their regular season next week, and then move on to the post season tournaments. Jennings finished third in the Division 3 North sectional tournament last season, and he is looking for even bigger and better things in this year's post season.

"I am very excited for the post season," Jennings said. "At this point of the season I am peaking, so I am looking forward to seeing what I can do with this momentum that I have going for me."

Lack of effort, second half collapse, hurt Wildcats in pair of losses

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WILMINGTON – When Dennis Ingram was named the Wilmington High School boys' basketball coach, he knew that it would take a while, a few years to restore the program.

Coming off a one-win season, the groundwork had to be set for this season. That groundwork starts with one word: effort. On Friday night, the effort really wasn't there causing the Wildcats to fall to 3-11 after a dismal 79-49 home loss to Winchester.

"This was not a good effort from our guys today," he said. "We are 3-11 right now and besides the Melrose game, this is the only other game where I didn't like our effort. We talk about three things that we need to do every night and must haves and the last one is effort. No one can outwork us. It's not an insult, but we're not that good. We have to outwork everyone.

"Between the Melrose game and tonight, we didn't bring that for at least a portion of the game. We were down 29-24 late in the second quarter and then we made a few turnovers and all of a sudden it's 39-24 or whatever it was."

Winchester's shooters had a good night as four players ended up in double figures, however, Wilmington's defense was non-existent with players left open at will.

"We played Arlington (the game before) and they are a really good team," said Ingram. "They are probably going to win (the Middlesex League) large (school division). When it's all said and done, they will be a number two, three or four seed in the state tournament. We held them to thirty percent shooting and we were in that game until the deep third quarter. What happened to us is what happened to us tonight, bad turnovers, a lot of mental mistakes and not being able to grab the ball with two hands when the ball is hitting you so more of that stuff.

"We spent two days talking about where the shooters are, where we need to close out and we walked through it to the point where you think you got it, then you don't. When the bright lights turn on, not everyone is ready."

After Danny Gracia started the game off with a free throw just four seconds in, Winchester's Brennan Clarke scored the first of ten three-pointers for the Sachems, who then never looked back. Winchester built a lead of 18-10 after the first quarter and it was ten early in the second before Wilmington went on a nice little run with baskets from Dan Judkins, Billy McEvoy on a nice dish from Cam Walsh cutting it down to six.

Joe Gaudreau then got hot draining several three-pointers, well behind the line, and Wilmington cut the deficit to 29-24 with 2:09 left in the half.

Wilmington turned the ball over a few times and the Sachems took advantage of that closing out the half outscoring the 'Cats 10-3 making it 39-27 at halftime. Winchester's Liam Fitzpatrick scored 18 points in the first half alone.

The Sachems quickly opened the game up to start the third quarter with a 11-0 run making it a 23-point lead before ending the third quarter ahead 65-38. Both teams emptied their benches in the fourth quarter.

Gaudreau led Wilmington with 16 points and Gracia added 12.

On Tuesday night, Wilmington coughed up a 19-point lead, as Reading closed the game out outscoring the Wildcats 31-5 to win 51-44, dropping the 'Cats to 3-12 on the season.

Wilmington led 28-13 at halftime and were outscored 38-16 in the second half.

Gaudreau led the way with 18 points, Cam Walsh added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

GIRLS HOOP

The Wildcats went 1-1 this past week putting the team's overall record at 9-5. Wilmington started the season off 0-3 and went 9-1 before losing to Reading on Tuesday night, 44-34.

"We played flat in the first half and then we started to get into the swing of things (in the second half) but ran out of time and we had to foul," said head coach Brie Karow.

On Friday night, the 'Cats defeated Winchester, 52-44. Wilmington had three players end in double figures including Christina Woods (18), freshman Jenna Tavanese (15) and Haley DiLorenzo (12).

"The girls played unbelievable defense," said Karow. "They settled in on offense and started to hit and take smart shots. It was a hard fought game."

On Wednesday, the Wildcats took on a red-hot Tewksbury team for a second non-league title. The Wildcats prevailed in the first match-up. Results weren't known as of presstime. On Friday and Monday, Wilmington will host Melrose and Wakefield, respectively for 7 and 6 pm starts.



Wilmington High senior center Cam Walsh attacks the basket going over a handful of Stoneham players during a recent home game. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Turner named WHS Football Coach

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First-year Wilmington High School Athletic Director Tim Alberts made his fourth varsity coaching change this past week by adding Craig Turner as the new varsity football coach. Turner served the last four years as the head coach at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

liked to do. I always liked being the one who called the plays. I wasn't very athletic, so I wanted to try and affect the game as much as I could."

Turner certainly did a fine job of affecting the game at Mystic Valley, where in addition to his stellar head coaching record, he also spent the previous eight years as an assistant coach, first as an offensive line coach, and later as the offensive and defensive coordinator. He has literally been with Mystic from the beginning, having been with the program from its first game back in 2004 where he coached the offensive line for a year before becoming the offensive coordinator and then the defensive coordinator.

"Wilmington got a good coach," said Mystic Valley AD John Furlong. "The impact Craig has had on the program since he had taken over team -- (let's put it this way) the program had won nine games in ten years (before he was the head coach) and in the four years he was head coach he won an average of nine games, won two CAC league championship titles and went to three North Sectional Finals.

"We've had numerous student athletes go on to play college football including (on Wednesday), the program's first Division 1 signee (James LoChirco) with Bryant (University). Craig has made a huge impact on the school and on the student-athletes.

"He's not the kind of person you replace very easily. He's going to be missed very much here at Mystic Valley especially by me. I never once had to worry about anything the football team did because he had such great respect from his players. Like I said Wilmington got a good one."

Turner's long term relationship with Mystic made it difficult to leave a team and a program that he loved, but the Billerica native, who was part of Billerica High's 1999 Super Bowl championship team as a defensive lineman during his sophomore season before playing center as a senior, and now resides in Westford, saw an opportunity in Wilmington that was just too good to pass up.

"This is the perfect situation for me," Turner said. "It's right where I wanted to be. To get closer to home the great tradition they have here and it was just something I couldn't pass up. At Mystic, I loved the people there, and I loved the kids there so it was tough to leave there. We had a lot of success.

"I have a two-year-old at home, so I wanted to get closer to home. I wasn't going to leave just for anything. I wanted to go to a place that really cared about football, that had had success in the past and a place that had tradition.

"Mystic Valley really didn't have any of that. The program was just twelve years old and that's not a knock of them. It was pretty special to be able to build from scratch. To be a part of a program that has the tradition that Wilmington has, I had to throw my hat into the ring for something like that."

Wilmington Athletic Director Tim Alberts is certainly glad that Turner applied for the Wildcats job. The job attracted many quality applicants, 21 in all, many with tremendous experience, but Turner stood out from the start, and the more Alberts and the committee learned about him, the more they knew he was their man.

"One thing that really drew me was I spoke to three of his former athletic directors as well as the current one and they all raved about Coach Turner," said Alberts. "It's tough to have four bosses really like you. We did a full background check. On paper, we felt like he was a great candidate. When we met him we really liked him and then just hearing what his other bosses thought of him at his former school was also very important in the decision."

Turner will bring a renewed sense of energy to the job, and will bring some new ideas to the sidelines as well, running the spread offense that he had so much success with at Mystic Valley.

"We'll stick with what we do offensively," Turner said. "I think what I do offensively can kind of translate. As long as we have a kid who can snap the ball, we'll be alright. I'm sure we can find that. We'll be a spread offense team, we'll throw it around a bit, but I'm also a big believer in running the ball. I like to have a quarterback who can run it and throw it. It's definitely a quarterback centric offense, the way I run it, so if we get the right guy there, we can be pretty explosive."

Turner will also bring a new philosophy to practice with the Wildcats. Different not only from Coach Barry, but different than most coaches, who will often have their players running quite a bit during practice, Turner believes in a different approach. It is not an easy practice by any means, but the players will simply be asked to work in a different way.

"I like to make practice fun. We play music, we try to keep the energy up. We want the kids to be out there having fun. At the end of the day, there is nothing more fun than winning, so we are going to try and do some of that too," Turner said. "The kids need to want to be out there. Football is tough. Every day is kind of a grind and you want to make it as fun as you can, because if the kids got there and are just going through the motions, then nobody is going to benefit from that.

"I am not a big believer in just running sprints. The pace of our practice should be fast enough that the kids are working even when they don't know they are working. That's not to say we are never going to run. We are going to run, especially in camp, and if we are not in good enough shape after camp we will run some more. But I have never been a big believer in running kids just for the sake of running. I think it's more important to prepare the kids for the game with a game plan."

Turner follows a great tradition of coaching at Wilmington High as the tenth coach in school history, joining Johnny Grinell who came before Harold Driscoll ('36-'46) and Anthony DeToso ('47-'55), along with Fred Bellissimo (1956- 1978 121-62-15), John Ritchie (1978-1982, 35-22-1), Ed Harrison from ('83-'92, 22-60-3), Gerry Sullivan (1993-'95, 8-22), Bob Almeida from (1997-2007, 103-29-1) and Mike Barry (2008-2016, (47-51).

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.

New Coach going to 'Spread' Offense

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was truly remarkable. He always did what he thought was in the best interests of the student-athletes and the team.

After Barry resigned and since the coaching position had been posted, I wanted someone from outside of Wilmington to come in to give new life into the program. I was hoping for a younger coach, one who ran different types of offenses, like the "Spread". I was hoping the new coach would be someone who would adapt to the current state of football, whether it's at the high school, college or pro level which is a quarterback's game, throwing the ball more frequently, hurry-up offenses, fast tempo, play-action, misdirection play calling, criss-cross patterns, etc.

It seems on paper anyway, it seems like that's the direction the program will be heading with the hiring of new coach Craig Turner.

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Athletic Director Tim Alberts was asked if he had any certain criteria in terms of X's and O's and scheme calling when it came to finding the next coach.

"Nope. We wanted to find the best candidate available. I know Coach Turner wants to run the 'Spread Offense' when he starts here and I know the kids are really excited about that. But we weren't tied to a certain offense or defense, more so getting the best candidate for the position."

Turner spent eight seasons as an assistant at Mystic Valley before becoming the head coach the last four years replacing Rollie Hinckley, an Ipswich High Hall of Famer. Before Turner took over, the Eagles won just several games each year, including four combined wins in 2007 and '08.

The last three years, Turner led the team to two league titles in 2014 and '16 and three straight sectional appearances, losing to Cathedral 29-16 in '14, losing to Essex Tech, 34-20, in '15 and then to Brighton, 52-28, this past season.

Throughout his four years he compiled a 28-15 record, including 6-3 in the playoffs. Wilmington hasn't had a playoff win in the new MIAA system, nor in the old one.

"This is the perfect situation for me," said Turner. "It's right where I wanted to be. To get closer to home the great tradition they have here and it was just something I couldn't pass up.

"At Mystic, I loved the people there, and I loved the kids there so it was tough to leave there. We had a lot of success. I have a two-year-old at home, so I wanted to get closer to home. I wasn't going to leave just for anything. I wanted to go to a place that really cared about football, that had had success in the past and a place that had tradition. Mystic Valley really didn't have any of that. The program was just twelve years old and that's not a knock of them. It was pretty special to be able to build from scratch. To be a part of a program that has the tradition that Wilmington has, I had to throw my hat into the ring for something like that."

Turner was asked about who will join his staff as assistants. He said that he will bring a few coaches over from Mystic Valley. He would also like to meet with the holdover assistants from Barry's staff and see if there's any possible matches. Until then, he is champing at the bit to get started.

"I'm excited and this is just like a dream job for me," he said. "A place like this with the tradition they have, I just can't wait for August. The kids seemed excited. It's new and it's different and that always takes time but I think they will find that I'm a guy, I'm a coach who really has their best interests in mind.

"We're all in it together, we're all trying to do the same thing, we're all trying to accomplish the same goal, so I'm just really excited to get going."

Position generated a lot of interest -- 21 applicants

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him to resign from the position this past December.

After Barry officially resigned, the job was posted and this time with much different interest. A total of 21 people applied. A screening committee narrowed the field down to six.

From there a different panel of school administrators, coaches, parents and students were involved in the interview process. That group then cut the field in half to three and that's when a smaller panel of Principal Linda Peters, Athletic Director Tim Alberts and the captains of this year's team were involved in a second round of interviews.

That smaller panel then decided that the best choice for the job would be Craig Turner, who spent the previous 12 seasons, four as head coach, at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden. He was officially named the program's tenth coach last Thursday.

Turner compiled a 28-15 overall record at MV, including winning two Commonwealth Athletic Small School Conference titles, while advancing to the sectional finals each of the past three years in the newly formed MIAA playoff system.

"We had the job posted online and we had a very deep pool of candidates," explained Alberts. "We had twenty-one people apply. We had a screening process before (the interview process) where we closely reviewed every resume. Every applicant was considered and it was tough to narrow it down."

The Town Crier has learned that the other two finalists were Joe Cavanaugh, the longtime assistant coach at WHS, and Tom Tone, who was previously the two-year interim head coach at Methuen High School. He has since bounced around a few places as an assistant coach and is currently on the Bishop Guertin staff.

The Town Crier has also learned that of the 15 other applicants that didn't receive an interview, two of them are well known locals in town, former WHS, Merrimack College and Endicott College Coach Gerry Sullivan, as well as former Burlington High School Coach Shawn Maguire.

Alberts was asked about why the two of them didn't receive at least an interview. He neither confirmed or denied that the two of them had applied and then said:

"I can't speak directly about each candidate. We reviewed every applicant closely and we considered everyone who applied. We brought the group (of six) who we all thought were the best at that time."

Throughout the entire process - difficult one said Alberts - the new AD just wanted to make sure that the right person would become the tenth coach in program history.

"We just want to find the best candidate and the best fit for the students," said Alberts. "There were a lot of good applicants and a lot of good candidates who we interviewed. It was a really tough, close decision so where someone lived or grew up wasn't a factor one way or another. We just wanted to look objectively and find the best candidate for the position."

Alberts was then asked what he liked most about Turner.

"Craig is a great coach. He came into a program at Mystic Valley that hadn't had much success and he completely turned it around. That's what I expect him to do here at Wilmington. Success on the field hasn't been there for quite a while and I think it was time for a change and ultimately the students and captains who met him loved (Turner) and that went a long way in the decision process. It's not just one person's choice, it's a group decision but hearing what the students said about Coach Turner really went a long way in my mind.

"One thing that really drew me was I spoke to three of his former athletic directors as well as the current one and they all raved about Coach Turner. It's tough to have four bosses really like you. We did a full background check. On paper, we felt like he was a great candidate. When we met him we really liked him and then just hearing what his other bosses thought of him at his former school was also very important in the decision."

Turner met with the team on Monday afternoon before asking both elected captains, Tyler Roberts and Marken Nerestant, to stay for a few minutes to chat privately. After that get-together, the two of them were the asked by this reporter about the first encounter they had with the new coach.

"I think as a team, we're just really excited for change," said Roberts. "We're excited to see what he can bring to the program. He is real focused on making football fun which hopefully will be a positive reaction for the group of guys."

Added Nerestant, "We're hoping he can utilize our team a little bit more and to get the best out of everyone. I'm just excited. I'm excited about the new things to come. Seeing the change of the different ways things will be done at practice. He said that we will have fast-paced, high energy practices and I'm excited about that."

The addition of Turner makes it four varsity coaches that Alberts has replaced here at WHS since officially starting back on July 1st. First it was Dennis Ingram with boys basketball, then Amanda Beddia with cheerleading and Bruce Shainwald in volleyball.

"I was lucky because there was a great coaching staff in place here (when I arrived) and certainly being a part of the Middlesex League you're going to attract a lot of great coaches so I think it's important that you try to find the best coach possible for the students," said Alberts. "Whenever I make a decision I always think 'well what's in the best interest of the students'? If you always make it with that in mind, I think things will turn out to be successful.

"(Ingram, Beddia and Shainwald) have all done a great job and I couldn't be happier with all three of them. The students really like them and they have all done some really good things."

Alberts was then asked if there are currently any other coaching positions to be filled and he said that there is a need for a JV Boys and a JV Girls Lacrosse coach for his spring season.

Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Rams cruise past Essex Tech on the court

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BILLERICA -- With plenty of time left in the regular season, it would be too early to make any post season prognostications for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team, but with their recent play, they certainly seem to be gearing up for a great stretch run towards the state tournament, having won three games in a row to improve to 7-5 on the season.

Last Friday night, the Lady Rams picked up a huge road victory over CAC rival Essex Tech, winning in a 46-27 rout.

While the final score was a blowout, Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss says it took a total team effort to come away with the win.

"This was a game that we knew would be a big deciding factor in terms of the state tournament for us. We prepared really well last week and were able to come out hot in this game and lots of good things happened," Sueltenfuss said. "It was a much closer game than the score shows.

"The first quarter ended with a score of 9-5 and we had three starters with two fouls at this time. We had to go to the bench and get some players in that were not big pieces in our preparation but we had a great team effort that all came together."

Junior Ashlyn Troisi was one of the big contributors for the Lady Rams with ten points on the night. Sueltenfuss feels like Troisi can produce more games like this if she simply believes in herself.

"She lacks confidence in herself and often lets that get the best of her play," Sueltenfuss said. "She has really stepped up this season and has come out as being a player that helps make things happen. She is not usually the highest scorer but she makes plays happen and has become not afraid to push the ball up the court since she is a point guard playing the small forward position.

"She hit a three (pointer) in the third quarter that helped us really start to take the game away and then went to the free throw line and hit two free throws to silence a section of the crowd that was getting under our skin a bit. If we can continue to make her believe she is a good player I think you will be seeing her name more. "

Sam Moriconi had a big game in her own right with 12 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore Brooke Johnson pulled down ten rebounds.

Sueltenfuss is hoping to see Moriconi become the player she knows she can be down the stretch for the Lady Rams.

"We have been struggling to get her to play like we know she is capable. She is a bit too nice and is too quick to give the ball up in big situations when we want her ball handling," Sueltenfuss said. "Due to this she lost her starting position for this game and me and coach Marshall told her we wanted to spark something in her.

"When the two starting guards had two fouls each we had to go to her earlier than expected and she played outstanding. She took a big hit to the face with a bleeding lip and she never let down in this game.

"She showed that she can be a better player than we are used to and it was a great moment as a coach to watch her play like she did. Also, Brooke got the start and despite giving up a few inches on all their centers and forwards, she came out with ten rebounds and really helped us inside which was something we were concerned about in this game."

The Lady Rams closed out a strong week of play on Tuesday night with a huge 59-47 win over Greater Lowell, gaining redemption for an early season 54-26 loss to the same team. Shannon Fitzgerald led the way for the Lady Rams with 18 points and five steals.

BOYS HOCKEY

The Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team had only one game this past week, but they certainly made the most of their time on the ice, coming away with a big 6-2 win over CAC rival Rockport/Manchester Essex last Thursday night at the Hallenborg Arena.

The Rams led 1-0 after one period, and blew the game open in the second period with four goals, taking a 5-1 lead into the final period and coasted from there. The win improved the Rams to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the CAC.

"It was good to get another league win," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "We controlled play for ninety five percent of the game the team played well and was able to play through some injuries that we have had occur over the past couple of weeks."

Sophomore PJ Cummiskey got things started for the Rams with a first period goal on assists by juniors Matt Irwin and Ryan Kelly, but it was the second period where the fireworks started for the Rams.

Senior forward Jason Colletti got things started for the Rams on an assist from Griffin Banch of Wilmington off of a 2-on-1 rush, making the score 2-1 early in the period. Senior forward Aaron Bennett made it 3-1 on assists from Blanch and Mills and moments later Blanch made the score 4-1 on assist by Irwin and Bennett.

Junior forward Andrew Tsoukalas closed out the second period scoring with a goal with five second remaining in the frame on an assist by fellow forward Nick Nardella, and the Rams had for all intents and purposes put the game away with one period still to go.

"We continued to play our game getting pucks in deep and working the cycle and got as many shots and scoring opportunities that we could," Baker said. "We played like a team up and down the ice."

Junior Ryan Page made the score 6-1 early in the third period on assists by Nardella and Tsoukalas, before Rockport would add a late goal off of junior goalie Bobby Mitza, who played a very good game for the Rams.

Tsoukalas goal was his first of the season, while Page's was his second of the year.

"They are working hard," Baker said. "It was awesome to see them get to contribute, especially in front of the home crowd."

The Rams have now won three games in row, including outscoring their past two league opponents by a combined score of 11-2, but Baker is not ready to get too excited yet about whether or not his team has turned the corner on their season.

"We are in league play, so it is hard to judge, but we have been playing well," Baker said. "Hopefully we are peaking at the right time in February for the tournament."

WRESTLING

Two weeks ago the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team won their ninth straight CAC championship, continuing an incredible run of dominance in their league. This past week, the Rams continued another amazing run by winning their ninth straight Mass State Vocational championship, out pacing 17 teams to take the title at Southeastern Regional, scoring 249 total team points to edge out Putnam Vocational, who finished with 243 points.

"We wrestled really well," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "We knew going in that Putnam was loaded. We knew that from last year, so we knew we would have to be at our best. We wrestled with a lot of heart, pride and togetherness."

Leading the way for the Rams was senior Jake Ferri at 113 pounds and Brian Caldwell at 132 pounds, each of whom won the title in their weight class. Ferri, who improved to 40-0 on the season with his perfect day, was named Most Outstanding Wrestler in the Lightweight Divisions for the tournament.

Other top finishers for the Rams were Chance Harper of Wilmington, who finished second at 138 pounds, Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury (2nd, 152), Bryan Domek (2nd, 170), Omar Eldaly of Wilmington (2nd, 220), Tom Strow of Wilmington (3rd, 145) and Dylan Melanson of Tewksbury (3rd, 106).

It was the depth of the Rams that allowed them to capture the team title, as Putnam actually had more first place finishers than Shawsheen (four to two), but the Rams had five second place finishers and more overall depth throughout their lineup.

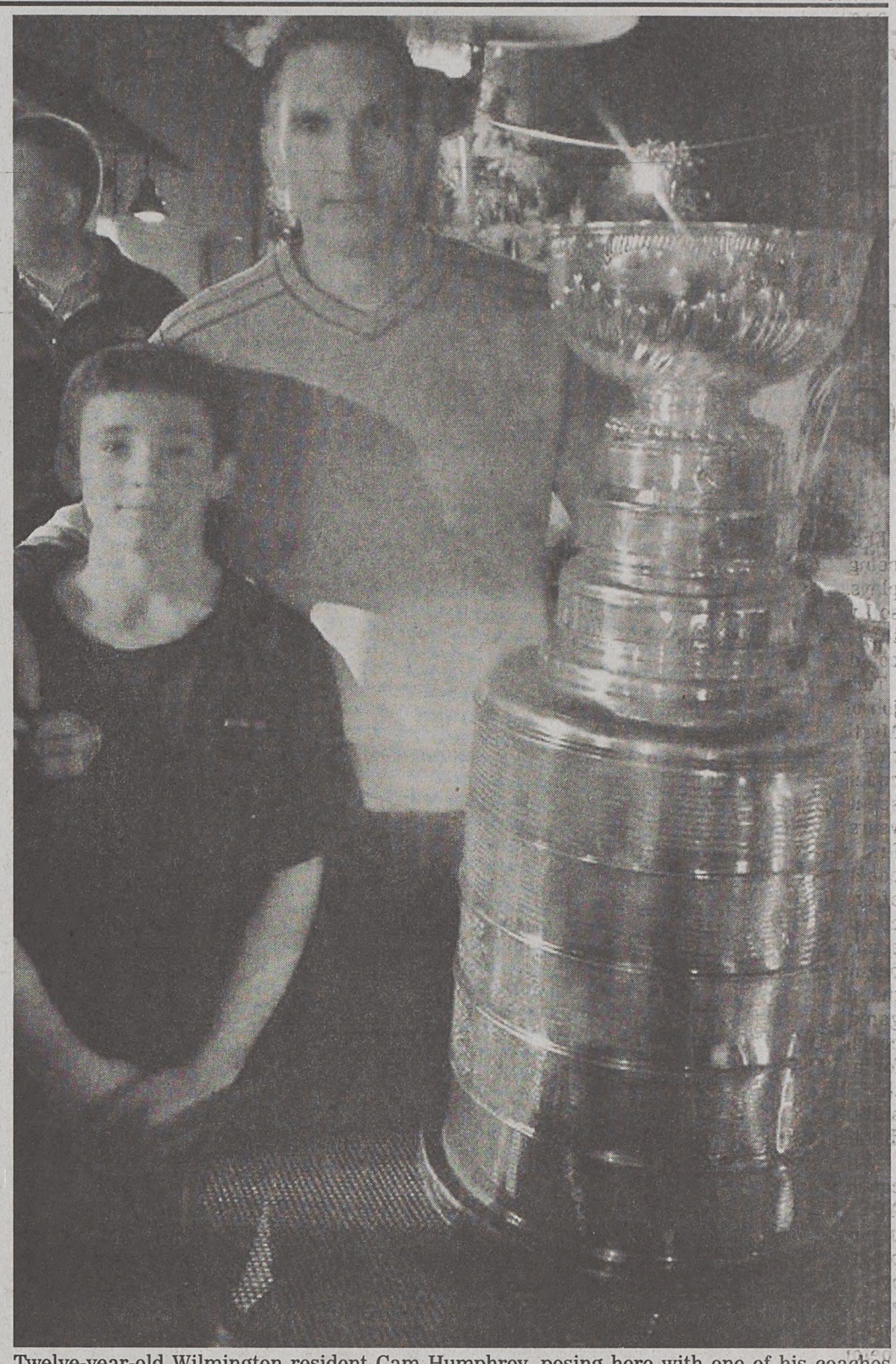
"Every kid on the team won at least one match, and 13 of 14 of our guys finished in the top six, and that is what won it for us," Donovan said. "It shows that we are in good shape and it shows that our program is doing a great job."

Donovan was also impressed with how his team responded once again to the pressure of being the team everyone wants to beat.

"There were a lot of tough teams in this tournament and we have a huge target on our backs," Donovan said. "We know everybody wants to beat us, and our kids keep responding to it."

The Rams will be back in action on Saturday, when they travel to Franklin to compete in the Division 1 Dual Tournament. Their seeding and their opponent for the tournament will be determined later this week, but it is likely they will be squaring off against the likes of Chelmsford, Lincoln-Sudbury, Lowell and other great Division 1 teams.

"I feel like we can beat any of those teams," Donovan said. "On the other hand, if we are not at our best, we can lose to any of those teams, so we have to get out there and get after it."



Twelve-year-old Wilmington resident Cam Humphrey, posing here with one of his coaches Al Santilli with the Stanley Cup, will be playing in the International Q Tournament -- an elite hockey tournament in Quebec starting on February 8th. (courtesy photo).

12-year-old from Wilmington

Humphrey to compete at elite hockey tournament in Quebec

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WILMINGTON -- Regardless of what happens for the rest of his hockey career, 12-year-old Cam Humphrey of Wilmington, will always be able to say that he has something in common with Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Steven Stamkos and many other all time NHL greats.

Humphrey's hockey career by the way, looks like it has plenty of great moments ahead, but it will be hard to top what the young player has planned over the next few weeks, when he will be playing in the International Q Tournament -- the Quebec International Pee-Wee tournament -- from Feb. 8-19 in Quebec City.

Humphrey is a member of the Middlesex Islanders, an Eastern Hockey Federation (EHF) team that plays out of Merrimack College, and his entire team recently qualified for the tournament. The EHF is one of the premier Youth Minor hockey leagues in the country, and features some of the best young players in the United States.

"It's an absolutely tremendous tournament," Islanders assistant coach Al Santilli said. "A lot of people call it the Little League World Series of Hockey. It is the best 12-year-olds from all over the world."

The Islanders and Humphrey -- a right winger -- are certainly no strangers to facing off against tough competition, but playing in "The Q" as it is commonly known, will take that competition to an entirely new level, as the tournament attracts more than 2,250 players from 16 different countries.

This year's team is the first Islanders Pee Wee club to qualify for "The Q" in 20 years, making their accomplishment all the more remarkable. Humphrey is well aware that this is an opportunity that does not come by very often, and he is looking forward to the challenge.

"I am very excited for the tournament. I can't wait," Humphrey said. "It is not something a lot of teams get to do. I know it will be very hard, and we will have to play our best, because the teams we are playing will be top notch."

According to Santilli, who is also a professional scout for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Humphrey is certainly a top notch player in his own right. Santilli has been coaching Humphrey since he was about six years old, and has come to know him as not only an outstanding player, but also a tremendously hard worker.

"He is a great kid. He is super competitive, just a real gritty, hardnosed kid," Santilli said. "He is a fast skater, and a very talented kid, and he usually ends up as one of our top scorers, but he is really better known for his jam and his compete level.

"Right from when he first started playing, he was one of the fastest skaters, and that is what the game is all about now. But really what makes him special is that his work ethic is second to none. If you came to one of our games and I told you to pick out the kid who is working the hardest, you would find Cam."

Humphrey acknowledges that his entire team will certainly have to be working as hard as they can and playing at their best to challenge the competition they will be facing in the tournament. But he is also not intimidated by the opposition, as he is confident in himself and in his teammates.

"Our players have great chemistry together," Humphrey said. "We have three lines and they are all great players. "We move the puck well, get shots on net, score goals and win games."

Since the tournament began in 1960, more than 1,100 alumni from the tournament have gone on to play in the NHL. That can be both an exciting and intimidating fact in its own right, of course, with scouts from all over the world in attendance at the tournament looking for the next big star.

But Humphrey is not bothered by playing in the same tournament as the likes of Gretzky, Lemieux, Stamkos, etc. In fact, he embraces the challenge.

"It is pretty amazing to be playing in the same tournament they played in," Humphrey said. "I think I could be one of them someday."

Pee Wee 1 Youth Hockey team takes home District Final Championship title

The Wilmington Pee Wee 1 youth hockey team traveled to Everett this past weekend to face off against Reading in the District Finals.

The Wildcats were looking to continue their regular season success (16-1 in league play) but faced Reading for the first time this season and knew they would have to beat a strong opponent to advance to the State tournament.

Both teams came out flying in the first period with the Wildcats rolling three lines and sticking to the game plan of putting a lot of rubber on the Reading goaltender.

The Reading goalie was up to the task making several good saves before being beaten on a shot from Michael Daniels midway thru the first to be put the Wildcats up 1-0. This goal was a result of tenacious forechecking by Daniels, Michael Sullivan and William O'Shea.

For the remainder of the period the Wildcats kept the pressure on Reading including several strong shifts from Nathan Alberti and Ryan Murray applying pressure on the Reading net minder.

The 'Cats broke thru again with the line of Dylan Timmons, Ryan Hayden and Drew McGowan hemming Reading deep in their zone which resulted in Mcgowan scoring a great goal on a nifty feed from Timmons.

Reading mounted a counter attack in the second period but could not get the puck past Wildcat goaltender Justin Finnegan who made several great saves.

The defense continued to rise to the occasion during this period as well with solid defense provided by Jack Farrell, Jacob Smith, Cam Marzilli, Cam Gagnon, Owen White and Matt DiZoglio. Reading had the Wildcats on their heels early on but the defense cleared the front of the net while transitioning the puck out of the zone quickly, and in some cases generating offense with end to end rushes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2017** at **7:40 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Civil Design Consultants, Inc.** on behalf of **AMC Realty Group, LLC** for a Special Permit and Definitive Subdivision to construct a four lot subdivision as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **255 Salem Road,** Assessor's Map 105, Lot 38, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice is also published on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2017** at **7:00 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **JDS Enterprises** for a Site Plan Special Permit to rearrange southern entranceway and parking for existing building, construct a 2,600 sf commercial building, and construct a separate 4,000 sf 8-unit residential building on vacant lot as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **940 and 960 Main Street,** Assessor's Map 47, Lots 76 and 77, zoned Municipal, Commercial and Town Center Overlay District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday – Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Stephen Johnson, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Angel Sanchez of 461 Broadway St. in Lawrence MA who is the last registered owner of a 2004 Ford Explorer Vin # 1FMZU73K94UB17362 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about February 24, 2017 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 29, 2017, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 3, 2017.

Judith L. O'Connell, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of Wilmington Board of Selectmen, as cable television licensing authority under MGL 166A, §1, will hold a public ascertainment hearing on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, as part of the Town's Comcast cable television license renewal process. The Comcast license is due to expire January 27, 2018 and the federal Cable Act, 47 USC 546, and Massachusetts regulations require a public proceeding to ascertain the community's cable-related needs and interests as part of the license renewal process. Public comment is invited regarding Wilmington cable license renewal needs. For further information and copies of renewal records, contact the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Judith L. O'Connell, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2017** at **7:10 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **John D. Sullivan** for a Site Plan Special Permit to convert the existing main dwelling at the front of the property into a retail bank with drive thru and raze the existing carriage house at the rear of the property as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **24 Pleasant Street/1039 Main Street,** Assessor's Map 47, Lot 123, zoned Commercial and Town Center Overlay District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday – Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Stephen Johnson, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2017** at **7:30 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Sastry Jonnalagadda** for a Site Plan Special Permit to construct a 4,258 sf addition to existing building for professional office space and a Sign Special Permit for a new standing sign as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **307 Old Boston Road,** Assessor's Map 34, Lot 23, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday – Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice is also published on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2017** at **7:50 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **CC & Sons, Inc.** for a Site Plan Special Permit and Use Special Permit to construct a four story, 11,000 sf mixed use structure consisting of retail and office space and 30 apartment units as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2230 Main Street,** Assessor's Map 96, Lot 104, zoned Commercial.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2017** at **7:20 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Jennifer and Ronald Pereira** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a garage with a family suite above not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **40 David Morris Road,** Assessor's Map 59, Lot 29, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice is also published on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chair

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The Wilmington Pee Wee 1 Youth Hockey team includes: Front Justin Finnegan; first row from left: Jack Farrell, Michael Sullivan, Cam Marzilli, Nathan Alberti, Matt Ardito and Jacob Smith; Back row from left: Coach Rich Hayden, Coach Steve Murray, Ryan Murray, Ryan Hayden, Cam Gagnon, Michael Daniels, Drew McGowan, Coaches Dave Smith and Corey Tobin. Missing from photo includes: William O'Shea, Dylan Timmons, Matt Dizoglio and Owen White. (courtesy photo).

Pee Wee 1's take District Title

FROM PAGE SP7W

After withstanding the Reading assault, the Wildcats were able to get a key goal near the end of the second period with Marzilli making a great move on the goaltender after being setup by Owen White.

Entering the third period Wilmington was once again pressured by Reading and had to kill multiple penalties. Outstanding goaltending and solid team defense provided by the forwards and defensemen kept Reading off the board until they scored a goal with eight minutes remaining.

Reading then pulled its goalie and once again put pressure on Finnegan but they were denied as he made several quality saves. Matt Ardito put the Wildcats on the road to the state tournament with an empty netter. Mcgowan then followed with a goal on a pass from Alberti which capped a 5-1 victory.

PEE WEE 2'S

Led by a performance for the ages by forward Tyler Beals, the Wilmington Youth Hockey Pee Wee 2's powered their way to the District 10 Massachusetts State Tournament Playdown championship on Sunday morning, dominating Melrose by a score of 5-2 to capture the district title and earn a spot in the Massachusetts Hockey State Championship Tournament in March.

Beals figured in all five goals for the Wildcats, scoring a hat trick to go along with two assists, as Wilmington jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

With the win, the Wildcats advanced to the Massachusetts Hockey State Championship Tournament, which will take place from March 10-12 in Quincy at the Quincy Youth Arena against a yet to be determined opponent.

Beals was the star for Wilmington, but he was not alone in his efforts, as the entire Wildcats squad stepped up and responded to the pressure of the championship game with one of their best efforts of the season. The team effort included forward Anthony Angiuoni, who missed the game due to injury, but was nonetheless in the stands, rooting his team on to the win.

Chris Patterson and Casey Robbins added the other goals for the Wildcats, while Shane Papineau, Charlie Chirichiello and Jake McLean each added assists. The offense was backed by another outstanding effort in net from Thomas Dalton, who made several outstanding saves, limiting Melrose to just one goal until they added a meaningless tally with three minutes left in the game.

Wilmington wasted little time in jumping on top in this one, with Beals connecting less than four minutes into the game on a nice setup from Papineau. Three minutes later, Patterson would double the lead, making the score 2-0 off assists from Chirichiello and Beals with 5:02 left in the opening frame.

Melrose closed within 2-1 with just over a minute left in the period, but a big second period by the Wildcats would all but put the game away.

Beals quickly restored the Wildcats two goal advantage, making the score 3-1 with an unassisted goal less than two minutes into the second period, picking up the puck in the neutral zone and weaving through Melrose defenders before beating the Melrose goalie with a nifty move, putting the puck into the top corner for one of the prettiest goals you will ever want to see.

It looked like Wilmington might increase their lead shortly thereafter, with forwards Daniel Lagunilla and Sean O'Donoghue applying pressure in the offensive zone, but the Melrose goalie held firm, keeping the Wildcats from adding to their lead.

He could not hold them off forever, as late in the period Casey Robbins connected on assists from Beals and Jake McLean to make it 4-1 with 2:10 left in the stanza, and that is the lead the Wildcats would take into the third period.

Another early period strike sealed the game for Wilmington, with Beals connecting for another unassisted goal, this one coming just over two minutes into the third period, making the score 5-1.

Between the way the Wildcats outstanding defense of Owen Mitchell, Shane Costello, Matt Mackeil, Patrick Mozuch and Johnny Dalton was playing, as well as the steady as a rock presence of Thomas Dalton in net, Melrose never had a chance to get back in the game.

They did manage to add a goal with 3:10 left in the contest, but by then the matter had been long since decided, and the Wildcats had earned themselves a coveted spot in the state tournament.

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Michael C. Martin and Joanne M. Sessa to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated September 3, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 17807, Page 265 ; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on February 8, 2017 at 20 Villa Roma Drive, Unit 20, aka Unit 20G, Tewksbury, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 20, Building G, Phase VIII, Area 1,397 Sq. Ft. undivided percentage interest: 1.410% Unit Post Office address: Unit 20G 20 Villa Roma Drive Tewksbury, MA 01876 The Unit described above in Villa Roma Condominium (the "Condominium") created by Master Deed (the "Master Deed") dated December 26, 1986 and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 3894, Page 229, as amended, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A. The unit contains the approximate area listed above and is laid out as shown on the plans filed with the Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement of a registered architect in the form provided for in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A, Section 9, certifying the unit designation of the unit hereby conveyed and of immediately adjoining units, and that they fully and accurately depict the layout of the unit hereby conveyed, its location, dimensions, approximate area, and immediate common area to which is has access as built. The Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: 1. An exclusive right and easement in the following "Limited Common Areas and Facilities" as designated in the Master Deed: -Deck -Front Steps, walkway and driveway servicing the unit alone. 2. The provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, the Condominium Trust and By-Laws therein contained and any rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder, including without limitations the provisions for assessment of common charges, and all rights, easements, covenants and conditions of record set forth or referred to in the Master Deed as completely as if each were fully set forth herein. 3. Real Estate taxes attributable to the Unit which are not yet due and payable, which Grantee by acceptable of this deed assumes and agrees to pay. 4. Condominium Phasing Lease by and between Villa Roma Associates, Inc. as Lessor and CR. Traywick, Jr., C.R. Traywich, Sr., Dominic L. Germano and Bernard R. Traywick, as Lessees which lease is dated December 26, 1986, and is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deed in Book 3894, Page 228. The Unit is to be used solely for residential purposes. For grantor's title, see deed recorded herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS ($5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Replacement of Sludge Drive Sprockets Contract PW-17-05

Sealed Bids for Replacement of Sludge Drive Sprockets (the "Work") will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, **until 10:00 AM on February 16, 2017,** at which time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents are available after 10:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 817153 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a bid bond, or certified check, and/or a treasurers or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5 percent of the bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

The bidding and Award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30, §39M. The Town reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

13 MISC 479077

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
John A. Clough;
Elizabeth H. Clough

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2007-FM1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-FM1

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Wilmington,** numbered **21 Beech Street,** given by **John A. Clough and Elizabeth H. Clough to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated September 25, 2006, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **20555,** Page **248,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 6, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on January 18, 2017

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

(OM 13-018936)

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Wilmington High's Ray Russell, shown here during an earlier season track meet, had a big week, including taking first in the 1,000 meters in the team's loss to Burlington. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Boys Track Teams defeated by Burlington

FROM PAGE SP3W

1:54.

"Overall, this is a meet that we need to take what we can and learn from our mistakes and fix them right away. With the League meet and the State meet coming up we need to put this one behind us and get refocused."

This past Sunday, a handful of girls competed at the State Coaches Invitational Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. The top performer of the day was Luna, who finished second in the 300 with a personal best time of 41.56. She also joined up with Sheehan, Aliberti and Shannon Horgan to finish fifth in the 4x200 relay with a combined time of 1:50.69.

Sheehan had another big performance in the 300 meters. She was 15th overall with a personal best time of 43.47 which qualified her for the state meet.

"Tori has worked extremely hard all season and has proved to be a very versatile athlete," said Schell. "She has managed personal bests in multiple events all season from the 55 meters to the 400 meter relay leg. I am very happy for and to see her achieve her goals for how hard she pushes herself."

Bernazani finished 18th in the mile (5:29.58) , Garrity ran a personal best of 1:44.65 in the 600 to take 20th place, Taeya Peroni was 39th in the 600 (1:50.06), Aliberti was 71st in the 55-dash (8.18) and Julia McLaughlin was 83rd in the same event (8.30).

Wilmington also had two additional relay teams compete, including the 4x400 team of Peroni, Bernazani, McLaughlin and Garrity finished 12th at 4:27.69 and the 4x800 team of Sadie DeAmbrose, De La Cruz, O'Connell and Abigail Genther finished 20th at 11:07.49.

"The coaches invitational went very well and was a great meet all around. After the showing we had against Burlington, the girls stepped up big time and bounced back very well today."

BOYS TRACK

The WHS Boys Track team fell to Burlington 63-23 in the team's final dual meet of the season. Ray Russell and Nick Gorham were the lone athletes to enjoy a first place finish. Russell took home the 1,000 meter race at 2:48.75 and Gorham tossed the shot put 40-11.

Jordan Olatilis in the 55-meter dash (5.58) and Justin Ekstrom in the mile (5:02.68) took home second places and finishing with third places included Ben Packer in the two mile (11:12.50) and Max Duong in the 55-meter hurdles (7.41).

At the MSTCA Invitational, the individual performer on the day was Russell, who placed 15th in the 1,000 at 2:45.18. Gorham was 19th in the shot put throwing 37-06.25.

Other competitors include: Ryan Aldrich (30th in the 600), Peter Marino (30th in the long jump), Jason Dunn (37th in the mile), Ekstrom (38th in the 600), Dave Bell (40th in the 55-meter dash), Sean Braz (51st in the 300), Tom Hogan (61st in the 300) and Joe Dumolin (63rd in the 300).

Finally, the 4x200 relay team of Hogan, Frank Melanson, Braz and Bell finished 12th overall at 1:39.09.

Wilmington will now compete at the Middlesex League Championships on Monday at the RLC beginning at 4:30 and then the Class D Eastern Mass Championship Meet will be held on February 16th.



Wilmington High's Julia McLaughlin comes down the home stretch of her race during a recently held track and field meet held at BU. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Which team will win Super Bowl 51?



SCOTT EDWARDS, JR
18, WHS SENIOR
Patriots 37-34

"Atlanta has a pretty good offense, number one in the entire league but, the Patriots have a better offense in my mind and they have a very good defense as they've developed throughout the year. Go Patriots!"



MOLLY GENTILE
16, WHS JUNIOR
Patriots 42, Falcons 28

"The Patriots is really good and the Falcons are good too but we have Tom Brady, The GOAT, on our side and our offense will simply overwhelm the Falcons defense."



NATHAN CURDO
14, WHS FRESHMAN
Patriots 27-13

"The Patriots will have a better defensive scheme to stop the Falcons offense and cause more turnovers than the Falcons defense. There is no way the Falcons can stop Tom Brady, the Greatest Of All Time. I think Malcolm Butler will shut down Julio Jones."



DELANEY DIAZ
15, SOPHOMORE
Patriots 35-14

"First off those are my cousins lucky numbers, second off I think people are overthinking the Falcons, and the Patriots defense should be able to stop Matt Ryan and Julio Jones. With those two out of the picture the Patriots should cruise to a win."



ROBERT CARABELLO,
WHS TEACHER
Patriots 34-24

"I don't think the Falcons are going to be able to stop the Patriots offense and the Patriots defense will probably get a few stops and probably pick (Matt) Ryan off atleast once."

Town Crier Sports Staff Predictions

Jamie Pote:
Patriots 30, Falcons 28
"Much closer game than everyone expects. Stephen Gostowski kicks game winning field goal in final seconds.

Mike Ippolito:
Patriots 38, Falcons 24
"Close game for a half, but Pats pull away in the fourth quarter."

Interviews/Text by Jack Sweeney

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
		Tewksbury High Sports		
Friday	February 2	B/G Track	MVC Meet at RLC	2:00 pm
Friday	February 3	V Boys Hoop	at North Andover	7:00 pm
Friday	February 3	V Girls Hoop	vs North Andover	7:00 pm
Saturday	February 4	B/G Track	LCQ Meet at RLC	9:30 am
Saturday	February 4	V Wrestling	Quad Meet at Gr. Low	10:00 am
Saturday	February 4	V Girls Hockey	at Con-Carlisle	6:15 pm
Saturday	February 4	V Boys Hockey	at Concord-Carlisle	8:00 pm
Tuesday	February 7	V Girls Hoop	vs Methuen	7:00 pm
Tuesday	February 7	V Boys Hoop	at Methuen	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 7	V Wrestling	vs Dracut	6:30 pm
Wednesday	February 8	V Girls Hockey	vs Haverhill	7:15 pm
Wednesday	February 8	V Boys Hockey	vs Boston Latin	7:20 pm
		Wilmington High Sports		
Friday	February 3	V Boys Hoop	at Melrose	7:00 pm
Friday	February 3	V Girls Hoop	vs Melrose	7:00 pm
Saturday	February 4	V Wrestling	Quad Meet at Gr. Low	10:00 am
Saturday	February 4	V Girls Hockey	at Melrose	12:00 pm
Saturday	February 4	V Boys Hockey	vs Melrose	2:00 pm
Monday	February 6	B/G Track	ML Meet at RLC	4:30 pm
Monday	February 6	V Girls Hoop	vs Wakefield	6:00 pm
Tuesday	February 7	V Boys Hoop	at Wakefield	6:00 pm
Tuesday	February 7	V Girls Hockey	at Wakefield	8:00 pm
Wednesday	February 8	V Boys Hockey	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm
		Shawsheen Tech Sports		
Thursday	February 2	V Boys Hockey	vs Minuteman	7:10 pm
Friday	February 3	V Girls Hoop	at Notre Dame	5:30 pm
Saturday	February 4	V Wrestling	at D1 Duals	TBA
Monday	February 6	V Girls Hoop	at Man-Essex	6:30 pm
Tuesday	February 7	V Boys Hoop	at Chelsea	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 8	V Boys Hockey	at Nashoba Tech	4:10 pm
Wednesday	February 8	V Girls Hoop	at PMA	5:30 pm
Thursday	February 9	V Girls Hockey	vs Bishop Fenwick	5:00 pm
Thursday	February 9	V Boys Hockey	vs Essex Tech	7:10 pm

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